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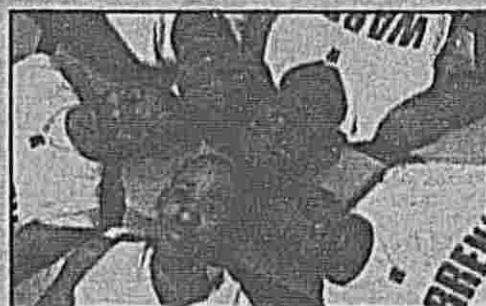
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Oldest toboggan slide in state

Steitz Resort offers winter fun

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

Back in 1938 John Steitz Sr. and his wife opened The Steitz Resort in Antioch Township followed by two extremely cold winters.

"After two winters with not much money coming in, they dug a trench in the side of a hill and put in a toboggan run," John Steitz III said. "Over the years it became a wooden trench."

He believes it is one of the oldest, still-running toboggan slides in the state.

After a swift run down the slide and onto the frozen lake children and adults alike climb the 47 steps back to the top and do it again.

The toboggan slide has a short season of six to eight weeks since it is weather dependent. However, between 1940, there was only one winter the lake didn't freeze and the toboggan was closed, Steitz said. That was in 1992 and it was due to dredging that the lake didn't freeze.

Steitz expects the toboggan run will have more open days this season, but sledders can find out for certain.

"The ice is real good and with a little snow there are good conditions," Steitz said. All-day tickets for

the toboggan slide cost \$10, but children younger than four are free.

Need a toboggan? They're available to rent for \$1 an hour.

Climbing up those stairs over and over again can help a person work up an appetite. Fortunately, Steitz's restaurant is also known for its home-cooked food, which features seafood and steak in a casual atmosphere. In the winter season, the restaurant is open for a Friday night fish fry and when the slide is open on Saturday and Sunday.

During the summer season, when Steitz opens the marina and RV park, the restaurant is open Wednesday through Sunday.

If you are new to the area, or not so new but would like to brush up on local history, this may be the place to pick up some local lore.

"We have history of the Chain o' Lakes, antiques, and our three generations of history is all over," Steitz said. "It's like going up north without the drive."

The Steitz Resort and toboggan run are located on Grass Lakes Road, 3/4 of a mile west of Route 59. Don't look for the sled run. It's on the far side of the hill. More information is available by calling 847-395-4050.

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Photo by Sandy Bressner

Thirteen-year-old Pat Benson and 3-year-old Karina Steitz files down the toboggan slide at Steitz's Resort in Antioch. The toboggan run is open every weekend when there is snow.

Traffic light ready to go

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

The intersection of Route 59 and Beach Grove is one that the Antioch Rescue Squad knows all too well since it has been the site of numerous accidents and at least one fatality.

Antioch Township Highway Commissioner Mark Ring has been working for years, literally, on getting a traffic signal for the intersection and the day is getting close that it will become a reality.

The late Tim Osmond, representative of the 61st District, helped get the plan in motion, and his successor, JoAnn Osmond, has continued to help, Ring said.

"It's for the safety of drivers and citizens," Ring said. "This will make a big difference."

The Illinois Department of Transportation has paid for 90 percent of the cost, much of what went into improvements for the intersection as well as the traffic signal. The township paid the remaining 10 percent and the First Fire Protection District spent about \$2,200 for the opticom sensor, which changes the light to green for emergency vehicles.

IDOT contacted Ring earlier this week and told him the light was scheduled to be activated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, weather permitting.

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Travel through the intersection of Rout 59 and Beach Grove Road will change once the new stoplight is activated.

Children exceed their goals to help tsunami victims

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

Don't underestimate the power of children. At some of the District 34 schools, children created different ways to raise funds or collect stuffed animals to help or comfort those who were devastated by loss in the world's most recent natural disaster.

Last week children at Oakland School auctioned off the works of art

they had created in the weeks before. If any of the children thought they were too young to help others who suffered so greatly, they were wrong. In fact, they were \$2,337 wrong.

"They loved having their art work on display," Principal Sue Stevens said. The art was sold through a silent auction and for one and a half hours customers went around raising the bids on items

they wanted to buy, she said.

"We have a very supportive parent group and community," Stevens said. The highest bid of the evening was \$75 for a table, and the most popular item was a photo of the school taken in the early hours of a snow day by fifth-grader Kyle Hill. Seventeen people wanted to buy the photo and all were accommodated through the magic of technology called reprints.

The children also sold popcorn at the event, brought in a few hundred dollars more, and children brought in \$1 each for a collection.

In fact the collection totaled more than the enrollment, so some brought extra.

Stevens is proud of the children. "The kids put in time and effort for a cause going to someone else," she

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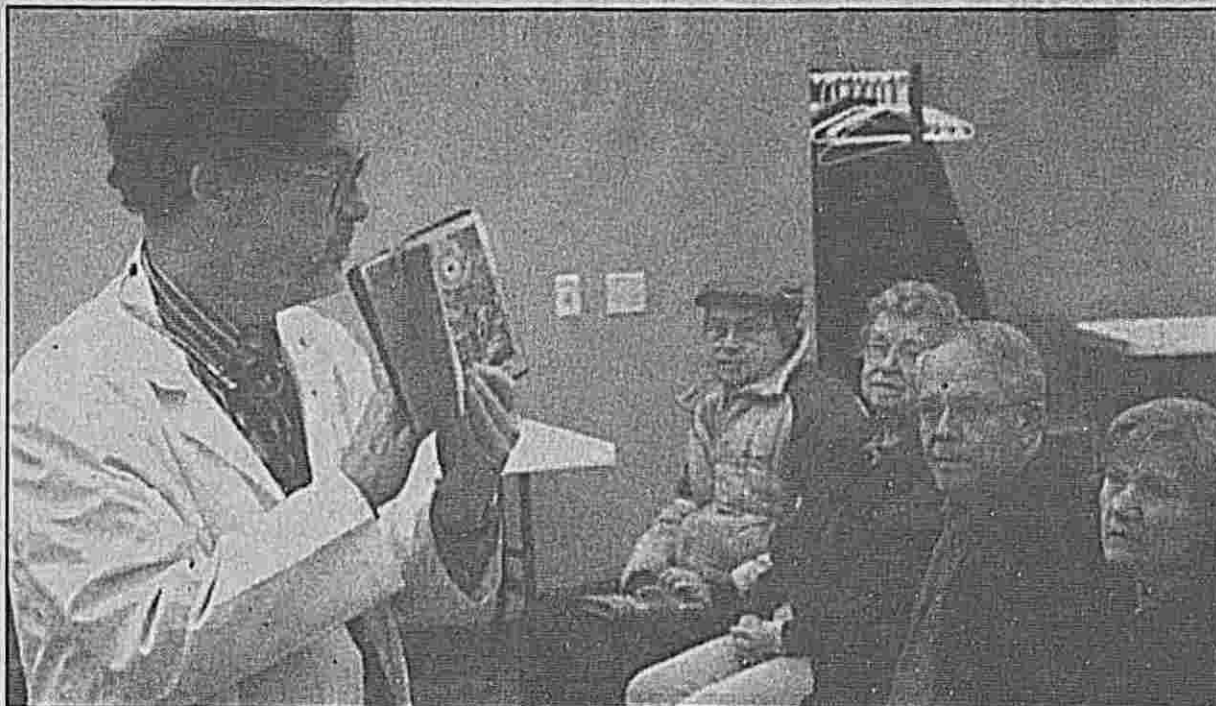


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The Book Doctor, Tom Joyce, of Joyce and Company and The Chicago Rare Book Center, appraised old books at the Lake Villa District Library on February 13 for the Friends of the Lake Villa District Library Annual Meeting and Program.

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Flood control meeting scheduled for March

By Steve Peterson
Staff Reporter

Fox Waterway Agency (FWA) officials are not pleased with discussions held with Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) staff about the operation of flood control gates.

Residents are urged by the FWA to send documentation of flooding problems that they may have had. The second annual flood issues meeting will be at 6 p.m. March 10 at the FWA headquarters in Fox Lake.

"Once the computer model gets set in stone, they will not budge," director Wayne Blake said.

"We learned that the trigger points are absolutely the same as they were last year," FWA director Bill Brookman said.

Chairman Howard "Bud" Scott urged residents to write letters, since it seems that the IDNR does not get a lot of formal complaints from the Chain O' Lakes residents.

Maureen Fremgen and George Gert

attended the FWA committee meeting and were concerned about flood matters.

"Last year, the Chain was closed all of June. We had water for three weeks and it started to be stinky," she said.

Blake said that there are many tools to use to gauge rain impact, from satellites in weather forecasts.

Residents are worried that this season's additional snowfall may pose further problems.

FWA representatives will go to Springfield to lobby for their agency concerns before the March 10 meeting here. These concerns include the funding from the IDNR to the FWA and the 10-year, \$2 million a year hopes. "It is on life support now," Scott said.

In other news at the committee meeting the board voted to deny a payment for an early bill from LRI, Inc. for work to restore the geotube site in Grass Lake. Board members said this would be against their policy and procedure, as they wait payment from the state of Illinois.

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Eggcellent Easter Adventure

By Ginny Skweres
Staff Reporter

Easter will be here before you know it (on March 27), which means it's time to register for the Antioch Parks and Recreation Department egg hunt, part of the 14th Annual Eggcellent Easter Adventure, to be held at Williams Park.

The Easter Parade will be at 10:30 a.m. on Main Street and the egg hunt will follow at Williams Park Little League Field.

Registration is under way at the Park's office, 806 Holbek Drive, and is limited to the first 700 children between the ages of

one and 10. There will not be registration the day of the event. The cost is \$2 for each resident child and \$4 for non-residents.

Each child will receive 10 eggs, a few of which will have special tickets inside.

The Easter Bunny will be at Williams Park until noon, and is willing to pose for pictures with your child. The cost is \$3 for each photo.

The Special Events Department is co-sponsoring the event. More information is available at 847-395-2160.

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District 34 to meet needs of continued growth

Plans to rent portable classrooms

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

District 34 has more than 2800 children enrolled in its schools. In January alone, 37 children were added to the rolls, and more have followed since then. In order to accommodate the continuing growth, the Board of Education asked the administration to research prices on doublewide portable classrooms at Tuesday's meeting.

"I think their intention is to

move forward with that and relieve the pressure," Superintendent Dr. John Hunt said.

The district plans to rent the portable classrooms and the cost of each doublewide classroom will be between \$700 to \$1300 a month, depending on whether they can rent used classrooms as they have in the past, or if only new ones are available, Dr. Hunt said. The lead time is four or five months to get them in place for the coming school year, he said.

The new classrooms would be set up at Oakland and W.C. Petty elementary schools. The new rooms would likely house small group activities, like pull-out band lessons or school therapists, which in turn would open up classrooms in the building itself.

Hunt said the portable classrooms would alleviate some of the space problems. However, the total school population will still share core facilities in the building such as the gym, lunchroom and other common areas.

At the Antioch Upper Grade School, with about 1,000 children,

growth has created a need for more computers. The board addressed that need by agreeing to take money out of the technology budget and buying two wireless computer labs, each with 15 lap top computers.

Each lab is portable and can be kept on carts to allow various uses. The two current labs are in constant use, Hunt said. One is used for computer classes and teachers have signed up for all available time slots in the second lab.

The school expects to spend about \$54,000 for the two computer labs.

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OUR TOWN

Ginny Skweres

A kindness is appreciated and return

Eight months ago a new neighbor moved into the house next to Patrick Hacke of Antioch. That made his life better.

"Ethel is quiet. I don't even know her last name," Hacke said. However, Ethel has made a big difference to him. In a time where people are accused of not getting involved, Ethel chose to do otherwise when she warned Hacke she had seen someone break into his basement. She didn't stop there.

Hacke has some mobility problems and using a walker to get the garbage cans to the curb has always been a challenge. That has changed since Ethel moved in and began to help him with that task.

During the recent large snowfalls, the snow on his ramp was too deep for him to use his wheelchair.

"This is remarkable," Hacke said. "She worked out there and shoveled the ramp and never said a word."

Hacke wanted to show his appreciation for the kindness of his neighbor, so on Valentine's Day he decided to give her some flowers and left them at her door.

"It was hard work to walk up there, but I enjoyed every step," he said.

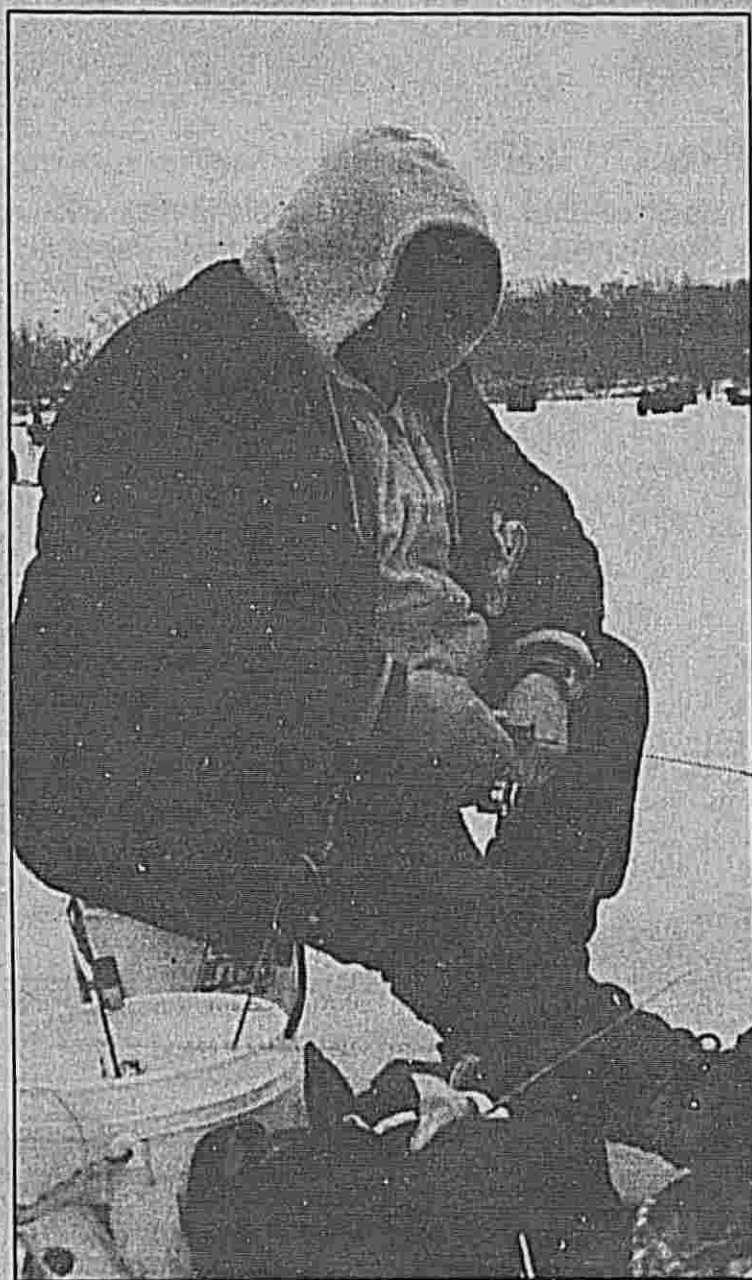
Rachel Hermanson of Antioch, a freshman at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, has been selected as a campus ambassador for the 2004-05 academic year. The volunteer members of the Ambassador Club give tours to interested parties and answer prospective students' questions. Hermanson is the daughter of Greg and Carol Hermanson who live in Antioch.

Ruth McAlonan of Antioch, a sophomore majoring in chemistry at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., is a member of the University Handbell Choir and took part in two holiday performances.

Nathan Pratt, the son of Wayne and Carla Pratt of Antioch, was named to the Dean's list at Illinois College, Jacksonville. To qualify, Pratt had to maintain a grade point average of 3.5 on a four-point scale. Pratt graduated from Antioch High School and is currently a sophomore.

Cassandra Mae Turzy, daughter of Ronald and Beverly Turzy of Antioch, received the Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholarship in December. She is majoring in food science and human nutrition. John K. and Nancy Ann Rutledge funded the scholarship.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Ginny Skweres at 847-223-8161, ext. 131 or e-mail, ginnys@lakelandmedia.com



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ICE COLD

Left-Nick Yozzo, from Carol Stream, sits atop frozen Channel Lake, fishing in the Northern Illinois Conservation Club's forty-fifth annual Ice Fishing and Winter Festival Derby. Top-Dennis Roepke, from Geneva, watches his line closely, with hopes of a trophy fish, during the Northern Illinois Conservation Club's forty-fifth annual Ice Fishing and Winter Festival Derby.

Oakland ensemble beats to a different drum

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

A group comprised of 22 fourth- and fifth-graders gave their premier performance to parents at a recent school board meeting. The children sacrificed lunch recess every Tuesday since the middle of October, to meet with Sarah Dietrich who sponsors "Oakland's Drumming Ensemble."

"The polished group may have had a biased audience, but parents were heard saying such things as 'That was really cool' and 'Who needs 'Blue Man Group?'"

Sarah Dietrich
Sponsors "Oakland's
Drumming Ensemble."

The music they played came from African and Caribbean cultures. Rather than playing on manufactured drums, the children used empty plastic barrels, water cooler bottles, shakers made from plastic orange juice cans with popcorn kernels locked inside, among others.

With the unique instruments that played different tones, the children beat out two different rhythms.

Dietrich said the drumming is beneficial to the children since they need to work as a team and focus on their own part as they listen to the other drum parts. This transfers well to classroom focus, she said.

The polished group may have had a biased audience, but parents were heard saying such things as "That was really cool" and "Who needs 'Blue Man Group?'"

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Trustees reject treasurer's financial report

New accounting software being installed

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

Once again Trisha Steele, village finance director, came under fire because the financial records are not yet "audit-able." The trustees voted 6 to 0 to not accept the finance report presented to them. Problems from the past have not yet been rectified.

Steele explained that the accounting department is in the process of getting new accounting software that will make it possible to audit financial information. Once the system is in place, the information will be much more user-friendly and provide information that was not available before.

The accounting staff has had the first week of instruction from the software specialist, who will come again at a later date to continue the training. Transferring information from the old system to the new system is an ongoing project at this time.

Trustee Robert Caulfield who is the head of the finance committee, spoke on behalf of the accounting department.

"I want to put in a plug for the finance department even though they took a beating tonight," Caulfield said. "It's getting to the point where we'll begin to see the fruits of their labor at the board level."

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Trustees approve hiring freeze for village employees

In an effort to keep expenses down, the village board approved 4 to 2 a five-month hiring freeze on village employees. This would not apply to seasonal workers, nor would it affect the fire and police departments which do

their own hiring.

If someone leaves a job during that period, replacing the individual must get board approval.

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McKenna calls for 'back to basics' to rally GOP

Former candidates criticize State leadership

The Republican faithful, from office holders to candidates and workers, came to hear their new leader speak on Abraham Lincoln's 196th birthday.

Former U.S. Senate candidate Andrew McKenna Jr. delivered the keynote address at the annual Grant Township Lincoln Day Dinner.

McKenna quoted Lincoln, who historians said was disappointed at first with how the Civil War was going and how he performed a certain 153-word speech that would be known as the Gettysburg Address.

McKenna said the GOP was down last year with the effect of the scandals of former Governor George Ryan and the Senate candidacy of Allen Keyes. "When I was campaigning for U.S. Senate, a politician from the southern part of the state said, after I had said that I would work hard to carry his county, said that we did not carry in '64. I thought of Barry Goldwater, but then he said, 'I meant we didn't carry for Lincoln in 1864."

I looked it up and he was right. I think that if we get back to the basics, such as working with local precinct committeemen and people like Jo Ann Osmond (R-Antioch), then we can bring back the message. We have to go out and ask people to be Republicans. With our message, it is that we will serve all the people of the state of Illinois, not just a select few.

There is failed leadership in Springfield. It is wrong for the governor to think it is OK not to live in Springfield. Also, he gave out jobs to

his top 20 donors," McKenna said of Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

McKenna said it is important to have a strong grassroots organization that the party can rely on. His predecessor as GOP chairman, Judy Baar Topinka, is the only GOP statewide office holder.

McKenna criticized the governor's plan of prescription drug relief for only bringing the state more bills.

"We can restore our party to the red (Republican) side, if we restore our place in ethics," said Kenneth Arnold, Warren Township Republican committeeman.

McKenna mentioned that the retaking of the Eighth Congressional district seat held by Democrat Melissa Bean (D-Barrington) is critical. Dr. William Dam, a member of the State Central Committee of the GOP, said that there is a "short list" of candidates, and those that want to be candidates.

David McSweeney of Barrington is someone who has already announced his intentions to run. Lake County Board member Bonnie Thomson Carter (R-Ingleside) has said that Dam has asked her to consider a bid.

"The most important thing is to put someone forward who has the qualifications, a history of success and a track record," Dam said.

Dam, in true Lincoln fashion, was sporting his 150-year-old Lincoln style hat.

Grant Township Republican Club sponsors the annual dinner, attracting more than 300 persons to Maravella's in Fox Lake.



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STRIKING UP THE BAND

Top-Dr. Joel Pugh directs the Bemidji State University Wind Ensemble in their Winter Tour concert at Lakes Community High School. Bottom-The Bemidji State University Wind Ensemble, out of Bemidji Minnesota, visited Lakes Community High School for a performance and to work with the band students.



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Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, worshipping at Antioch/Lake Villa Township Center, 1625 Deep Lake Rd. Pastor Darold Gruen, Phone (847) 265-2450. Sunday Worship at 9am, Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Classes 10:45am.

Heritage Lutheran Church, Lindenhurst Civic Center, 1949 Old Elm Rd., Lindenhurst, (847) 356-1766. Sunday service 10:00 am, Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 am. (summer schedule - 9:00 am Sunday) Rev. Mark W. Anderson, Pastor.

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Antioch Baptist Church, 817 Holbeck Dr., Antioch, Phone (847) 769-5332. Sunday Morning Worship 10:15am, Sunday evening Service 6:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm. Pastor Ken Foster.

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Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ, 19073 W. Grass Lake Rd. at Rte. 45. Phone (847) 356-5237. Sunday Services 8:30am. Eucharist at 10am. Family Worship with Church School and Nursery Care. Rev. Jed Watson, Pastor.

Antioch United Methodist Church, 848 Main St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1259. Rev. Gary Curl, Pastor. Sunday Worship 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's church and Sunday School. Adult Groups at 9:15 a.m. Nursery care for children through 3 years of age from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

St. Peter's Church, 557 W. Lake St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-0274. Masses weekdays, 7:30am; Sunday 6:30, 8, 9:30, 11:30am & Saturday 5:30pm. Rev. Father Ronald H. Anglim, Pastor.

Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church, 43 W. Grass Lake Rd., Phone (847) 838-0103. Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00. Sunday School. Rev. Kerry Bauman, Senior Pastor

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), 25100 W. Grand Ave. (Rte. 59 & 132), Lake Villa, (847) 356-5158. Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45am; Sunday School (3 and up) and Bible Study 9:30am. Rev. John Zellmer, Pastor.

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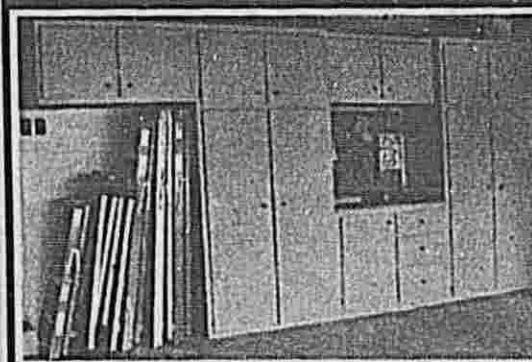
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Michael C. Clarke, 34, of 25627 S. Arcade, Lake Villa, was stopped at 4:31 p.m., Feb. 13, by police as he traveled southbound on Main Street at Route 173. They had noticed the car was without a front registration plate. He was charged with driving on a revoked driver's license and without a front registration plate. He was released on a personal recognizance bond and is scheduled to appear in court on March 23.

Fermin Reyna 34, of 535 Powell Ave., Waukegan, was stopped by police at 3:41 p.m. Feb. 12, as he traveled eastbound on Route 173 east of Talman Ave. Police had observed his car slow almost to a stop and his headlights began to flash. Checking to see if every-

thing was all right, police found he did not have a driver's license and said he thought he had defective wiring. He was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked and an improper lighting system. He was released on a personal recognizance bond and is scheduled to appear in court on March 23.

Brandon J. Marzahl, 32, of 661 Drom Court, Antioch, was stopped by police at 3:49 p.m., Feb. 10, on Anita Ave. near Depot Street because his registration was expired. Police learned he was driving on a suspended license and was charged him with both offenses. He was released on a personal recognizance bond and is scheduled to appear in court on March 23.

Brian C. Griffin, 27, of 1820 Delaney Road, Gurnee, was stopped as he drove southbound at a high rate of speed. He was driving 68 mph in a 55 mph-zone on Route 45 near

Route 173 at 4:52 p.m. Feb. 9. A check showed his license was revoked, and he was arrested for that and speeding. He was released on a personal recognizance bond and is scheduled to appear in court on March 23.

Joseph J. Slabosz, 30, was stopped for an expired registration as he drove southbound on Main Street near Chestnut Street. Police also learned his drivers license was suspended. He was charged on both counts. He was released on a personal recognizance bond and is scheduled to appear in court on March 23.

Derek S. Appel, 23, of 25551 S. Arcade, in Lake Villa was stopped at 8:25 p.m. on Feb. 8 for speeding. He was driving 33 mph in a 20 mph-zone on Lake Street west of Toft. He was charged with speeding, driving with a suspended driver's license and having drug paraphernalia in his possession. He was released on a personal recognizance bond and is scheduled to appear in court on March 23.

DUI ARRESTS

The following people have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Matthew D. Bybee, 29, of 2706 Sterling, McHenry, was stopped at 12:05 a.m., Feb. 10, while he was traveling eastbound on Route 173 at Talman. Police had observed his vehicle swerving over the centerline while driving 54 mph in a 40-mph zone. He agreed to a field sobriety test but failed it. At the police station he refused to a warning to motorist form or take a breathalyzer test, at first. He was charged with DUI, speeding, improper lane usage, failure to signal, disobeying a traffic control device and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was secured in a cell until he was able to raise a cash bail bond. He is scheduled to appear in court on March 8.

Ronald J. Bertram, 41, of 164 Cherry Lane, Ingleside, was stopped by police at 2:09 a.m. Feb. 8, after his vehicle made a left turn westbound onto Orchard Street from a right turn only lane at Taft. He failed a field sobriety test and was uncooperative. He was charged with DUI, DUI over .08, improper turn, improper lane usage and failure to notify state of change of address. He was released on a personal recognizance bond with a court date pending.

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said. All of the money is going to CARE, the Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere.

At W.C. Petty elementary school the children brought in coins between Jan. 19 and Feb. 11.

In addition to outright contributions, the children raised money by selling brownies and cookies that parents had baked and making their Valentine's Day cards and donating the money they saved by not buying them. Some of them did that and took advantage of the Valentine-making activity the school offered. Their final fund-raising activity was selling Valentine's candy last Friday.

During a special assembly, complete with a spreadsheet on a large screen, the classes tallied the approximate amount of their con-

tributions.

The character word for the month of February is caring, and the Bobcats certainly showed how much they cared. They collected \$3000.69, which is a pretty hefty amount.



In fact, to carry the money to the bank, they put the money into five used water-cooler bottles, which were not quite full. The bottles were so heavy that Principal Mary Kay McNeill could not lift them.

"The school's goal was to raise \$800," McNeill said. "I'm delighted. It was very exciting."

At Antioch Elementary School, Social Worker Melina Lontas helped the children launch a program to collect stuffed animals, as part of a larger group called Operation Huggable Friends. Lontas explained the pro-

gram to the children on a Monday and the school set a goal of 300 stuffed animals. On Tuesday the children brought in 250 stuffed animals. The collection lasted for 10 days.

"They were so enthusiastic. They've been giving from the heart. One boy told me this (his animal) was his very favorite," Lontas said. "They can feel that they are giving something of themselves."

It wasn't long before the children brought the total up to 550 new or gently used clean stuffed animals, no taller than 18 inches. On the next to the last day of collection, the students had brought in 694 animals with more pledged that would bring the total to 750 stuffed animals that the children hope will bring comfort to children who lost everything.

"This is a great way for children to come together and they really got behind," Lontas said. "They are phenomenal kids. We have the best kids in the whole world."

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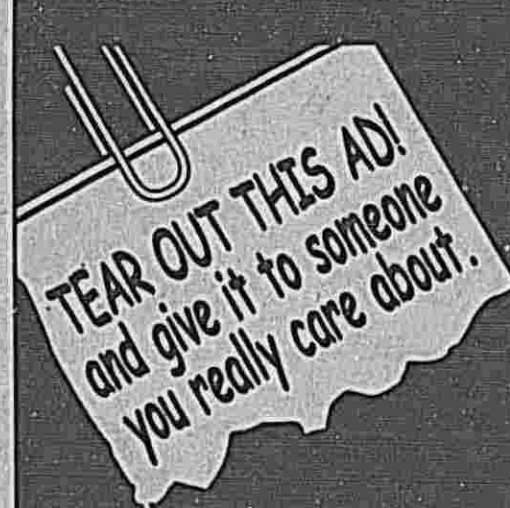
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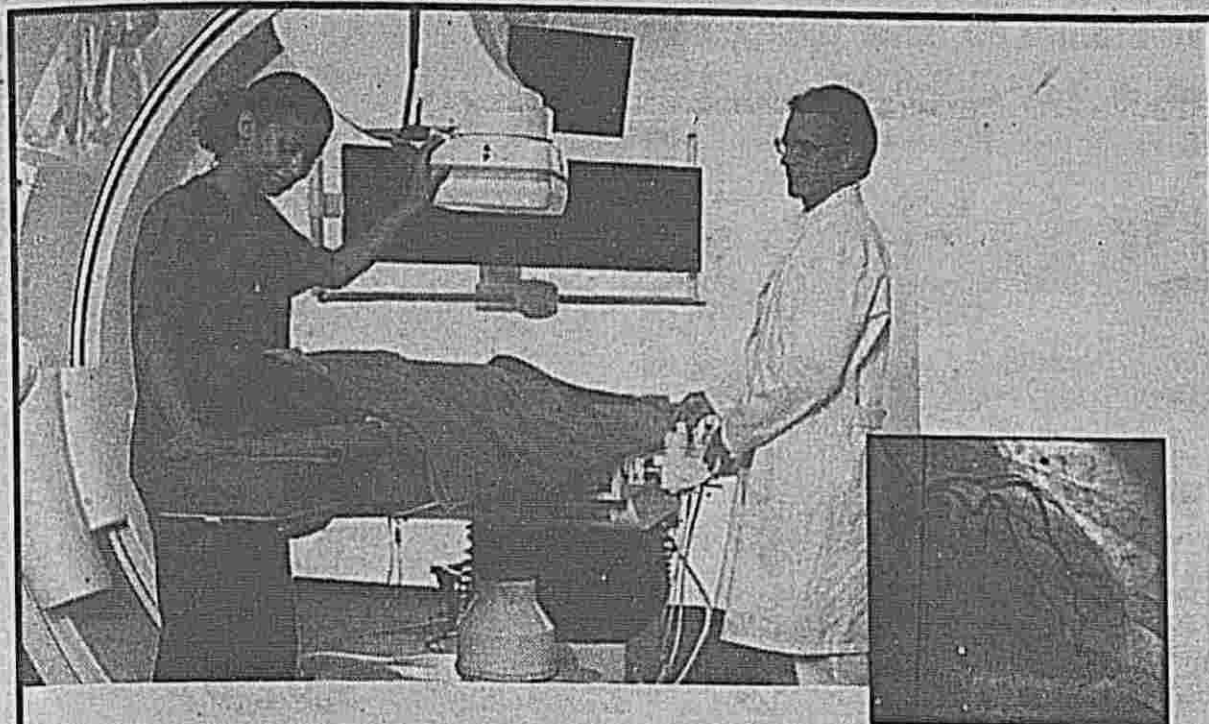
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LOCAL

Cotton Patch Gospel

The PM&L, 877 Main Street, will host a special event on the weekend of Feb. 25. Bob Wang of Bristol will present the Cotton Patch Gospel, based on the book "The Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John," by Clarence Jordan. The musical comedy of the Gospel is told with a southern twist and is appropriate for all ages. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25-26, and Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27-27 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for all ages and reservations can be made at the box office by calling 847-395-3055 during regular hours.

Smorgasboard

Salem United Methodist Church, 25130 85th St., Salem, Wis., invites families to their annual smorgasboard dinner from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 5. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$7 for adults, \$3 for children six to 10 years of age and children five and younger can eat for free. Diners to go cost \$8.

The menu includes salad bar, meat balls, chicken, roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and beverage. The church offers seating for those who are handicapped.

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March 3, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Don Guzman, Landscape Advisor and Answerman, will continue his series with "Landscaping a New Residence," which will cover what to expect if you hire a professional or do it yourself. Turf, ornamentals, trees, hardscapes, and the design process will be covered. Reservations are recommended. Please call 847-395-0874.

March 13, Sunday, 2 p.m.

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March 21, Monday, 7 p.m.

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This class will include free play, arts and crafts, songs and stories. There are six 4-week sessions, 2 instructors. Ages: Must be three years old by first day of class and toilet trained (no pull-ups).

Class is held on Mondays from 1 - 2:30 p.m. at the Parks Building, 806 Holbek Dr. Session 5: 2/28 - 4/4 (no class 3/7 & 3/28). Fee: \$35/45 Limit 15 children.

Shotokan karate

Many Shotokan Karate classes are available for children beginning at age 3 all the way up to adults. Classes offered: Lil' Dragons (3-5 years), Lil' Tigers (5-8 years), Beginner/Intermediate 1 & 2, Advanced Mixed, Adult Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced Class, Beginning Kobudo, Strength & Conditioning Class, Advanced Katate Class, Tournament Training, and Cardio-Kickboxing. All classes held at the Parks Building at 806 Holbek Dr. Please call 847-395-2160 or 847-395-5424 or more information.

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My family:
Wife, Beverly, son, Daniel, and daughters Lauren and Annmarie

My pet:
A cat called Spooky, or Havoc, depending on behavior

My occupation:
Project manager, working on development of a medical device

I graduated from:
DeVry Institute of Technology

My community involvement:
Trustee on the Lake Villa District Library Board

What I like most about my town:
It's home. All three of my children grew up here. I like the variety of people.

My hobbies:
Piloting planes, photography, electronic and mechanical technology

My favorite movie:
Too many to mention

My favorite musicians:
Eric Clapton and Diana Krall

My favorite sports teams:
I don't like spectator sports.

My favorite local restaurant:
Grande Jakes, in either Lindenhurst or Antioch

My favorite home-cooked meal:
Pasta

The person I admire the most:
My kids. I've learned a lot from my children.

If you have a "Neighbor" that you would like to see profiled in this column, call Lakeland Newspapers at 847-223-8161.

BIRTHS

Peyton McKenzie Lyndon, a daughter, was born Dec. 5 at Lake Forest Hospital to Tracy and Adam Lyndon of Antioch. Grandparents are John and Sandy Hilmert of Northbrook and Sandy and Mindy Lyndon of Chandler, Ariz.

Tobey Joseph Koerper, a son, was born Dec. 6 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Joseph and Sara Koerper of Antioch. His siblings are Timothy Schawel 7, Tiffany Koerper 5 and Teresa Koerper 2. Grandparents are Dave and Jan Schawel of Antioch; Joseph and Barb Koerper of Round Lake Beach. Great grandparents are Arelene Schawel of Des Plaines; Doris Gilbertson of Trevor, Wis. and Robert and Rose Havel of Wauconda.

Marco Antonio Gervacio Hernandez, a son, was born Dec. 21 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Antonio Gervacio and Hernandez Vargas Estefania of Antioch. His sister is Martha Gervacio, age 9. Grandparents are Obdulia Hernandez of Mexico; and Felicitas Vargas and Jorge Hernandez of Mexico.

Antioch competes in nation-wide recycling contest

*More than 60 schools
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More than 60 schools and churches in Lake County will join hundreds of Greater Chicagoland businesses and organizations in a program to raise awareness about the importance of recycling while earning valuable fundraising dollars. In Antioch, Emmons School, 24226 W. Beach Grove Road, and Faith Evangelical Lutheran School 1275 S Main St. are participating.

The distinctive green-and-yellow containers will be located in the parking lots and feature the Paper Retriever mascot. Collections will be picked up regularly, weighed and credited to the participating group.

During the months of February and March, participating schools, churches, civic and senior groups throughout Chicago and its suburbs will compete in "Collect More Paper, Win More Money," a nationwide paper recycling contest sponsored by Abitibi-Consolidated, the world's leader in newspaper and magazine recycling. The contest, held in the United States and Canada, challenges participants to increase the amount of paper products they recycle to win cash and prizes totaling \$100,000.

In return, Abitibi will reward those groups that generate the most tonnage with cash to be used for everything from scholarships, equipment and teaching aids in schools, to worship materials, missions and maintenance projects at churches.

"We go into schools and explain to kids the positive impact recycling has on the environment," said Kevin Rush, Chicago-area manager for Abitibi Paper Retriever, sponsors of the contest.

"Once they have a better understanding of the consequences of waste, they are always eager to get started. The contest then becomes not just a means to cash and prizes but a personal missions and a source of pride."

Among the paper products sought are newspapers, magazines, discarded mail, and store catalogs, office and school papers.

Not accepted are plastic, glass, cereal boxes and phone books.

Rush uses several examples to drive home the importance of recycling, including that collecting just 2,000 newspapers saves enough electricity to heat a home for six months.

"People take these examples to heart," said Rush. "It's that kind of caring that we try to instill in them, with the longer term goal of actually changing the way people view waste and the way we care for our environment."

CALENDARS

Friday, February 18

Feb. 18-20, "Macbeth" presented by PM&L Theatre, 877 N. Main St. 8 p.m. Fri.-Sat.; 2:30 p.m. Sun. Reservations at 847-395-3055 or www.pmltheatre.com.

Now-Feb. 28, Painter Paula Menary and photographer Meredith Schnelle are featured by The Antioch Fine Arts Foundation's show at 983 Main St. Call at 847-838-2274 for more information.

Registration for Lake Villa Parks and Recreation's youth basketball, soccer clinics, tennis lessons, ballroom dancing, horseback riding lessons and arts and crafts classes is currently taking place. Contact Jan Hilliard at 847-265-0186 or Greta Berna at 847-265-1962 or www.lakevillaparks.org.

7 p.m., "Teaching Multi-Ages," Lake Co. H.O.U.S.E./Home-Oriented Unique Schooling Experience parent support meeting in a members' home. Contact Gloria at 847-587-0355 or gcharland@aol.com.

Saturday, February 19

Feb. 19-20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Lake County Home & Outdoor Living Expo at Lake Co. Fairgrounds, Rt. 45 & 120, Grayslake. Call 847-231-4000 for details.

10 a.m.-noon, AFFTER Fibromyalgia support group meets third Saturdays at the Community Bldg., 884 Main St. Call Shari at 847-395-5123 to learn more.

1 p.m., The Lake County Doll Collectors meet third Saturdays at Milburn Congregational Church, Hwy. 45 and Grass Lake Rd. Call 847-623-2072 for details.

Sunday, February 20

7-9 p.m., Open gym Sundays at Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

Monday, February 21

Community support group for women who are dealing with abuse in their homes meets Mondays in Antioch. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at 847-249-4450 or 847-249-6557 (TTY) or go to asaferplaceforhelp.org.

7:30 p.m., Regular meeting of the Antioch Village Board held at Village Hall, 874 Main St.

7:30 p.m., Antioch Coin Club meets at Antioch Public Library, 757 Main St. Open to the public. Contact JoAnne at 847-395-4738 for more details.

7-9 p.m., Young Onset Parkinson's Support Group meets in Libertyville. Call Marlene at 847-367-1679 or Jan at 847-395-5502.

Tuesday, February 22

10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Grass Lake School District 36 informational meetings on future direction for the district. Call the school at 847-395-1550 or visit www.grasslake.lake.k12.il.us/opinion_poll.htm to get a copy of the info. booklet and the opinion poll.

1 p.m., AARP Chapter 387 (for adults 55+) meets second and fourth Tuesdays at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Please call Sharon Nowak at 847-395-5068 to learn more.

7 p.m., Antioch Public Library District Board meets at 757 N. Main St. Call 847-395-0874 to confirm.

7 p.m., Heads Up, a brain injury support group for survivors and their families/caregivers meets in Mundelein. For information, send email to Diana Nelson at asladvoc@icil.org or call the center at 874-949-4440/V or 847-949-0641/TTY.

7 p.m., Lake County Philatelic Society meeting in Gurnee. Stamp collectors invited. 847-244-4048.

6:30 p.m., The Lake County Mother of Twins and More Club meets in Gurnee. Call toll-free 866-248-7670, ext. 1264 before attending.

7 p.m., Bicycle Club of Lake County meets in Libertyville. For beginners & experts. Call 847-604-0520.

Wednesday, February 23

6 p.m., CPR classes sponsored by Antioch Rescue Squad, held at the Squad Bldg. Call 847-395-5511.

7:30 p.m., Mothers & More meets at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake. Call Kerry at 847-245-3732 or visit www.mothersandmore.org.

Thursday, February 24

7:30 p.m., Lakes Region Historical Society meets at the museum, 817 Main St. Call Wendy Mastom at 847-395-1459 or Nancy Binder at 847-395-1453.

7:30 p.m., Irish American Club meets at State Bank of the Lakes in Antioch. Call 847-395-3942.

7 p.m., National Alliance for Mentally Ill support group for parents of school age children with a brain disorder meets in Mundelein. 847-249-1515.

Friday, February 25

Feb. 25-27, "Cotton Patch Gospel" presented by PM&L Theatre at 877 N. Main St. For reservations, contact 847-395-3055 or www.pmltheatre.com.

Saturday, February 26

2 p.m., Grass Lake School District 36 informational meeting. See Tuesday listing, above.

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IN STEP



Led by senior captain Savana Soder, the Antioch Dancing Sequoits continue to strengthen their performance style and technique this year. At the recent Illinois Dance Team Association (IDTA) Invitational held at Palatine High School, the Varsity Dance Team placed 2nd in Kick, performing their routine to Pat Benetar's Heartbreaker. The team placed 3rd in Hip Hop. Both routines earned high enough scores to garner invitations in their respective dance categories, to the IDTA Super Sectionals Competition, which is to be held March 5.

ANTIOCH JR. SEQUOITS GO 2-1 ON WEEK

The Antioch Jr. Sequoits seventh grade traveling boys basketball team, coached by Nick Knuth and Craig Jordan, had a successful week by going 2-1. The Sequoits defeated Carmel 51-50 and Vernon Hills 47-37 and lost to Zion 57-39.

In a very exciting game versus Carmel the Sequoits down by eight points with less than two minutes remaining made a great comeback. Chris Terzic made two three-pointers

and John Androus made a shot with less than three seconds to send the game into overtime. In overtime John Androus made a shot at the buzzer to win the game for the Sequoits.

Team members include John Androus, Mercel Kirkman-Bey, Chris Terzic, Drew Moncelle, Andrew Flick, Kyle Haley, Daveon Wately, Kevin Smiley, Colin Gillespie, Brennan Casey, Derek Jordan and Kris Nordby.

Volunteers needed for tennis clinic

Celeste Pregracke, a 2004 Lake County Sports Hall of Fame Inductee, will run two tennis clinics for the developmentally disabled at the College Park Athletic Club on Saturday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, March 12. The clinics will run from 5-9 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help feed and retrieve balls and to help teach. Helpers need not be professional teachers or top players as most will assist a court leader.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Celeste at 847-662-5038.

Coaching clinic approaching

American Sport Education Program (ASEP) will conduct a coaching clinic on Feb. 27 at the Holiday Inn Express in Arlington Heights for anyone interested in becoming certified to coach middle or high school athletics.

The successful completion of the ASEP leader level program is required by the Illinois High School Association for all non-faculty coaches. To register, or for more information, contact Jeff Kyle at 217-586-4799.

HASTINGS LAKE STINGRAYS ROUNDUP

The Stingrays finished first out of 10 teams at the Iguana Invite earlier this month. The following are some of the top swimmers.

Boys 8 and under

John Zalewski: 25 Free (15.61); 50 Back (42.44); 50 Breast (45.44); 100 IM (1:23.12)

Brenden Bolman: 25 Free (19.93); 50 Free (46.87); 100 Free (1:48.06); 25 Back (22.11); 50 Back (49.98); 25 Breast (26.73); 25 Butterfly (22.92)

Boys 9-10

Tony Diaz: 50 Free (29.70); 100 Free (1:04.22); 200 Free (2:24.99); 50 Back (35.16); 100 Back (1:14.76); 50 Breast (38.82); 100 Breast (1:27.25); 100 IM (1:13.28)

Kyle Aerne: 50 Free (31.55); 100 Free (1:04.22); 200 Free (2:24.99); 50 Back (35.16); 100 Back (1:14.76); 50 Breast (38.82); 100 Breast (1:27.25); 100 Butterfly (1:20.19); 100 IM (1:13.28); 200 IM (2:55.31)

John Garland: 50 Free (33.81); 100 Free (1:17.49); 200 Free (2:50.09); 50 Breast (46.50); 100 Breast (1:43.70); 50 Butterfly (33.18); 200 IM (2:34.36)

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Craig Tyler: 50 Free (30.43); 50 Back (34.68); 100 Back (1:16.08); 40 Breast (42.24); 100 IM (1:18.24); 200 IM (2:51.31)

Steven Ostrander: 50 Back (36.59); 100 Back (1:20.08); 10 Breast (1:23.16); 100 IM (1:18.58); 100 IM (2:51.13)

Stefan Woloshyn: 100 Breast (1:37.36)

Zach Revell: 50 Butterfly (36.86)

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Matt Revell: 50 Free (24.43); 100 Back (1:02.54)

Lukas Levad: 50 Free (24.55); 100 Free (54.05); 200 Free (2:03.16); 500 Free (6:03.66); 100 Back (1:02.54); 100 Butterfly (1:01.45); 200 IM (2:20.24); 400 IM (5:15.25)

Zack Johnson: 50 Free (26.15); 500 Free (5:06.76); 100 Back (1:00.77); 200 Back (2:10.35); 100 Butterfly (1:02.97); 200 IM (2:14.36); 400 IM (4:40.95)

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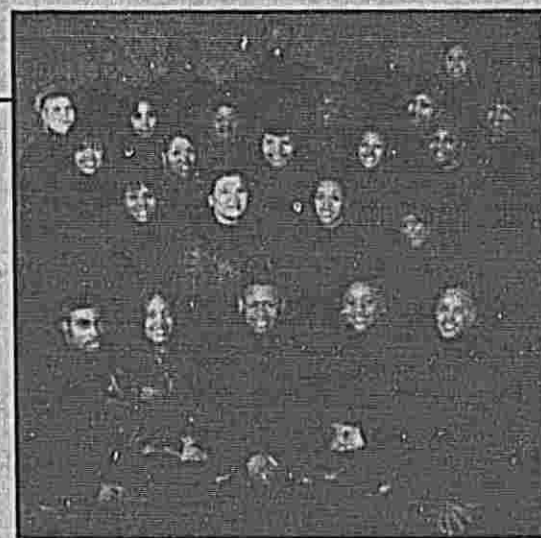
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Misplaced credit

I have served with great pride as the Mayor of Antioch since 2001. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the hard-working people of such a fine and historic village.

Running a village such as Antioch is a complex and challenging job. I depend on the dedicated and hard-working staff to make sure that taxpayers get the services they depend on and deserve. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with bright, professional and selfless public servants. These same individuals have allowed me to keep my campaign commitments to Antioch. The concepts of fiscal responsibility, efficient government and controlled development have become reality in Antioch.

Recently in the media and in political circles, some have taken it upon themselves to take or attribute credit for certain accomplishments they did not achieve. I am referring to State Rep. JoAnn D. Osmond's (R-61st District) comments about the Illinois Tomorrow Corridor Planning Grant, recently awarded to Antioch by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The purpose of the grant is to develop planning for Downtown Antioch and the Route 83 Corridor.

State Rep. JoAnn D. Osmond specifically gave credit to Dorothy Larson and her colleagues on the Village Board. I don't recall Trustee Larson's input or professional contributions to this grant. The fact is that this lengthy and detailed grant application was

started shortly after I became Mayor and our professional staff spent countless hours preparing this lengthy and detailed grant application.

The Village of Antioch was awarded this grant on merit. Simply put, IDOT had a grant, we put together a good application for a worthy project, and we got the grant. Had Representative Osmond called my office, she would have ascertained exactly who made this IDOT grant possible. In addition, I would have been able to share with her the letters I sent to State Senator Adeline Geo-Karis (R-31st District) asking for her support for this grant based on the worthiness of our application.

I call on State Representative Osmond and Trustee Larson to give credit where credit is due: to our fine village staff of dedicated professionals who care about the future of Antioch.

During this campaign season I will bear the brunt of political and personal attacks that go with any election. I can handle that. However, I would be remiss in my duty to allow others to disregard the good work of our administrative staff. In the midst of such politically motivated actions, I am reminded why I ran for mayor in 2001. I want the voters of Antioch to know that political and fiscal accountability, controlled development and open and honest government in Antioch are still priorities for me.

*Taso Maravelas
Mayor, Antioch*

Family expo plans all set at GCHS

The Fox Lake Area Chamber of Commerce 2005 Family and Business Expo is coming.

It will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 5 at Grant Community High School, 285 E. Grand Avenue, Fox Lake. The Expo highlights area businesses. There will be food, entertainment, networking opportunities and more.

Expo booths are 10 x 10 with a cloth curtain, side curtains, skirted table and two chairs.

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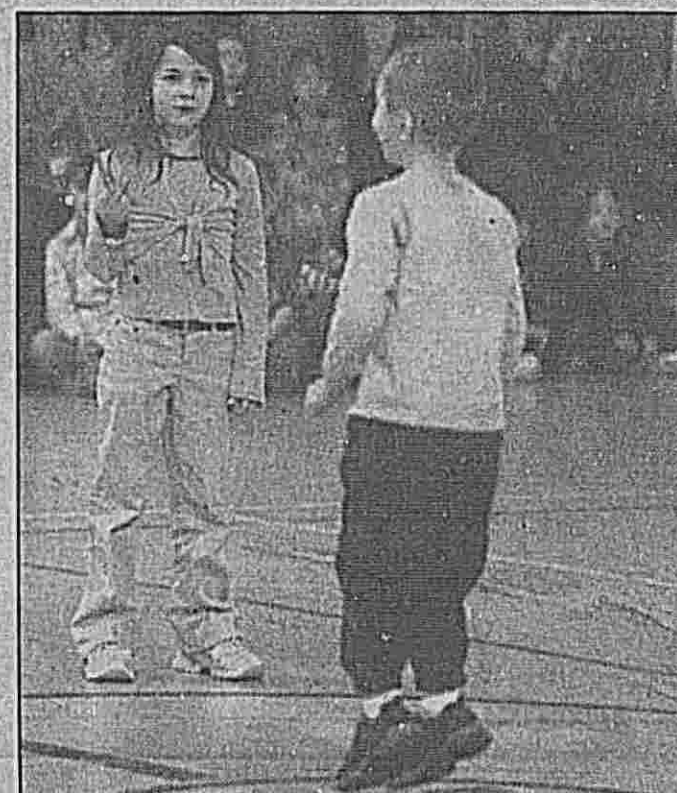
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JUMP TO IT

Top-David Fisher, the self-proclaimed Rope Warrior, performs a routine using glow-in-the dark jump ropes during his presentation at Millburn School. Right-Millburn School first-grader Ellie Hadiland twirls the rope for kindergarten Matt Urban during a presentation by David Fisher, the Rope Warrior, at the school.



Grand Opening!



Local filmmakers search for a Hollywood ending

By Kyle Schmitt
Staff Reporter

It's a story made in Hollywood, the kind they say that dreams are made of — Saturday Action Theatre.

The lyrics and vision belong to James Zahn, a Gurnee-based filmmaker who hopes to turn his song into self-fulfilling prophecy. The founder of Finely Made Films & Entertainment (FMFE), Zahn and his cohorts utilize primarily local talent to create films and videos that have won fans globally.

The FMFE team has created and posted numerous films since 2001, in the process becoming some of the top and most talented representatives for the Lake County film hotspot that has been labeled the "Hollywood of Illinois."

Having created several short films within the last three years, the team is now gearing up for its first full-length feature, a horror film titled "Death Walks the Streets."

Production begins in May for the movie, which Zahn views as the most important project FMFE has taken on yet. Co-written by Zahn and photographer Ben Brezinski, "Death Walks the Streets" is an action/horror film rife with dark humor and legendary screen villains.

With the movie's script gaining legal registration Thursday, Zahn gave LakeLife an exclusive first-look at the film he hopes will mark FMFE's breakthrough in the entertainment world.

Upon his release from prison, Mikey Labou finds himself pulled back into The Organization, a crime syndicate run by vampires. Angry at being coerced into an existence he no longer wants any part of, he soon discovers that the group faces a much greater challenge than he ever imagined.

The Organization goes to war to take possession of an ancient artifact that holds ultimate power over

the supernatural world. Labou finds that his own survival overrides any questions of right and wrong, as his cabal does battle with werewolves, demons and the undead for a prize that can destroy them all.

Production for "Death" begins in May, and Zahn expects shooting to last at least three weeks. He said that FMFE is searching for a studio to manage a theatrical release around Halloween.

Relishing the chance to make both a horror and a crime film, Zahn said the movie contains elements that "haven't been seen before" by audiences.

"I want them to walk out with their jaws dropped, and realize that



Rob Proce, production designer (left), and Ben Brezinski, photographer/writer, review film footage for the Smiles and Glances music video filmed by Finely Made Films and Entertainment.

they've seen a movie that's different than the typical Hollywood film they're used to," Zahn said. "I want them to laugh, I want them to be scared, I want them to be excited."

The film would feature known Hollywood actors in supporting roles and local talent playing the leads. FMFE representatives have made close contact with film industry professionals, as well as local residents through film shoots and "Death" auditions at Waukegan's Coffee Grounds.

"There's a lot of talented people in Lake County, and we want to leverage the talent pool that is already here and put it into the fore-

front," Zahn said.

"We've got an unbelievable amount of local talent," FMFE production assistant Rob Proce said. "Even the people in '5-25-77' are local."

Proce said he is thrilled to see additional major studio productions, like "Batman Begins" and "The Ice Harvest," setting up camp in Lake County.

"Too much film is going north of the border to Canada, and we want to keep it in Illinois. You go 60 miles in any direction from Waukegan and you've everything you need."

He made acquaintance with Zahn while working on a presentation for the 24/7 festival last year. A veteran of local theater companies, Proce helps mastermind the sets and visual elements of FMFE works, notably creating the Badmobile for "Gotham, IL."

"I've worked for so many theaters and guys in the past who just don't have it together, and Jim's got it together," said Proce, who looks forward to more good times with the crew in 2005.

Renowned nationally for his music photography, Brezinski first worked on "Gotham, IL" and will help write future FMFE productions. The film buff said he's happy to have found a home with the company, and gig as the bassist for Zahn's rock band.

"If I couldn't rely on these people, I wouldn't be doing any of it," said Brezinski, noting that the group's interests range in every direction. "All the boundaries just overlap in every way."

Brezinski was working at a video

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James Zahn, founder of Finely Made Films and Entertainment (FMFE), works with an antique Paillard Bolex 16mm movie camera that he occasionally uses for filming.

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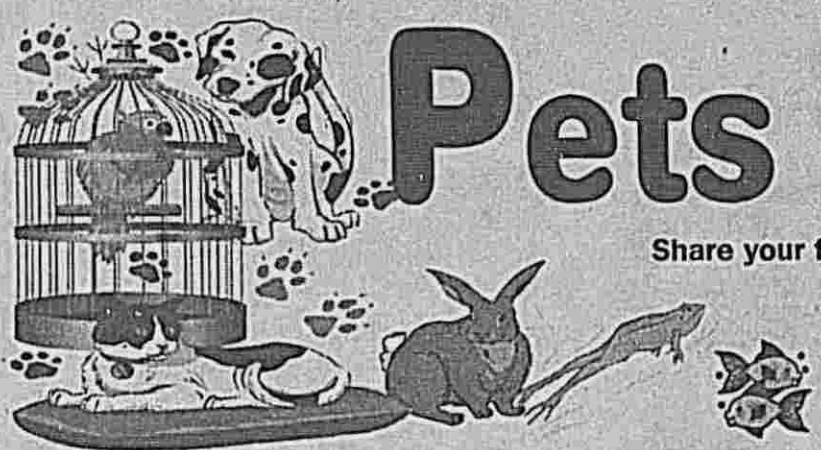
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Pet obesity is a growing concern

Obesity is not just a problem in people; pets are packing on the pounds too! A recent report from the National Academy of Science shows that 1-in-4 four pets is overweight or obese.

How much does a fat pet weigh?

"Putting your pet on the scale is not the best way to evaluate if the pet is overweight," said Dr. Christine Merle, a small animal Extension veterinarian at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. "There is a tremendous amount of individual variation in an animal's ideal weight. It is better to look at the appearance of each animal rather than at a weight that this breed or type of animal 'should' be. Looking at the animal's body condition is the best way to judge where your pet falls on the obesity spectrum."

Body condition scores are most commonly rated on a 5- or 9-point scale, with the middle of the scale designated ideal. The pet is scored by looking at its build, the amount of fat overlying its ribs, and its "waist." Breed, age, sex, and type of lifestyle are minor factors noted.

You should be able to feel your pet's ribs easily without pressing, but you should not be able to see the ribs through the coat. There should be a "tuck in" in the abdominal area. Your pet's torso, viewed from above, should resemble an hourglass. You can conduct these quick checks, but since it's hard for owners to be objective, it's best to seek your veterinarian's advice.

"Since more pets are overweight, we have become accustomed to seeing pets who weigh more than is ideal," Merle said. "The norm now seems to be several pounds overweight. Often if a pet is lean, owners think the pet is starving. However, studies show that lean pets have fewer health problems and an increased life span of up to 2 years."

An overweight pet is not a healthy pet. Obesity commonly

leads to diabetes, heart problems, and arthritis. An overweight pet does not age well, either. Overweight pets are more prone to hip dysplasia, back and joint pain, and endocrine diseases. Extra weight also decreases a veterinarian's ability to manage these conditions both medically and surgically.

Why are more pets overweight? The answer is the same for pets as well as people: too many calories and not enough exercise. "The most common reason for overfeeding is that owners want to show their pet they care and one way is to give a treat. One extra treat can turn into 5 and then 10. Be aware exactly how much you are feeding your pets," Merle said.

It can be a challenge deciding how much is the right amount to feed your pet. What's listed on the bag is for the average pet, but lifestyle, activity level, and age also affect how much food a pet needs. If your pet is overweight, feed less than what the bag says and adjust from there.

If given the chance most animals will eat more than they need. Talk to your veterinarian to figure out the ideal weight for your pet, then monitor your pet's weight with weekly or monthly "rib checks" or weigh ins. Never start your pet on a diet without consulting your veterinarian.

"Prevention is really the key. It is very hard to get pets to lose weight, especially if it is an arthritic pet that cannot exercise. Keeping animals at a steady weight is a much easier task. If you are faced with an obese pet, first rule out medical reasons for being overweight. Then simply decrease calories in the diet and increase exercise. An extra motivation is that people who lose weight together with their pet are more likely to keep it off," Merle said.

Working with a veterinarian is the best way to formulate a healthy diet for you pet, determine your pet's ideal weight, and create a weight loss plan. Contact your local veterinarian if your pet is overweight.



PETS CORNER



Sugar 'N' Spice

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Sugar is an 8-year-old tan and white beagle mix who is at Save-A-Pet because her previous owners couldn't care for her anymore. She is a bundle of joy and loves to be near people and is very friendly. She's so personable that she's in the KidCare group and loves to be around children.

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Fresh



Star

Star

Star is six-years-old and believed to be a border collie/chow mix. She loves to put her chin on your leg and take all the lovin' you can give her. She seems a bit aggressive around other dogs, but takes a curiosity to other cats. Star loves treats and bones and can't wait for you to take her home.

Cheezy

Cheezy is a 1-year-old stray rescued from Wisconsin. She's very vocal and will follow you around and climb up your leg for attention. This black, tan and white shorthair loves treats and loves to be cuddled.



Cheezy

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Students provide tough (one) acts to follow

By Kyle Schmitt
Staff Reporter

New and experienced drama students joined forces to take on the issues that tear us apart in Waukegan High School's "Society Rules" One Act Festival.

Finishing its run on Feb. 5, the festival brought audiences three dramatic and comedic pieces focused on conformity and following one's own beliefs and destiny. While underclassmen must typically pay their dues to win significant on-stage roles, the freshmen and sophomore performers took the spotlight early, performing in their own class plays at the upper-grade center's Trapp Auditorium.

All three plays focus on a theme that rules can be broken, followed or bent, and making tough decisions in determining what paths to take.

Roles were distributed based on chemistry and how well performers took direction, not on seniority, Pope said. This led to a high turnout of freshman performers not seen in recent years, as the "little lambs" and the sophomore classes held separate plays titled, "The Girl who was Asked to Turn Blue" and "The Other Side of the Wall."

Happy with the dramatic work performed by his charges, Pope said he is equally as pleased that they grasped the "concept of promoting a theme and issues within the community, and taking a stand."

"As they get comfortable with the audience and rehearsals, they find new things; it's like self-discovery, where they get new ideas. It's been amazing to watch them get it."

His pride swelled when discussing how the student directors helped to train their peers and run the productions. Junior Nancy Velasco, who served as student director for "The Other Side of the Wall," said she enjoyed the chance to teach and interact with her peers.

She tried to utilize constructive criticism and explanation to help the younger students hone their performances. "I saw them not as sophomores but as friends, and I tried to become a



Amanda Aird, a sophomore, playing the part of Eterna, talks to the younger nymphs about how to deal with the group of militant men they discovered, during the sophomore show in Waukegan High School Theater Departments One Act Festival. The sophomore play "The Other Side of the Wall" presented two groups of people divided by a barrier. — Photo by John Dickson

friend they could talk to about things," she said.

Directing served as a challenge, but became easier when she received assistance from Pope. "I think I got the hang of it after a little while," Velasco said, adding that she'd like to try directing a community theater production someday.

Society's youth must make tough decisions in "Girl," a story in which a 16-year-old must turn her skin blue to fit in with a strange society, and the post-nuclear "Other Side." Described by Pope as "Romeo and Juliet" meets "Adam and Eve," the work introduces a boy and girl whose mutual attraction may unite the divided genders.

Junior Emily Vester co-directed "Other Side," and gave a dark performance as a force of corruption in "The Last Paving Stone." Her black gothic costume and makeup served as a stark contrast to the sparkling costumes sported by all other performers, and she would have succeeded in condemning Mother Earth if not for the efforts of a girl with comically large ears who refuses to

"hear no evil."

After reading all three plays, Vester said she feels she understands the principles and beliefs behind their composition. "The citizens can't know everything or it's dangerous, and I think the show has a lot to do with that," she said. "You can learn a certain amount, but once you get past that boundary it's too much."

A third seasonal performance will replace the festival next year, though the one-act festival was revived for only one year, Pope said its message resounded with students.

Attending a culturally diverse school filled with ethnically diverse classes, students combat perceptions of attending a "ghetto school" while attempting to discover what they believe and where they stand in the world. "We have so many talented kids here, and they really get overlooked sometimes by people."

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The 'Ownership Society' goes bust

President Bush may think he's blazing new trails by persuading Americans to buy into his "Ownership Society," "if you own something, you have a vital stake in the future of our country." And it would seem the more we own, the more vital America should become, as if we're all buying steroids. So Bush is pushing the idea of individual investment in healthcare, retirement, education and home ownership. After all, who better to manage their own future than us financially savvy Americans?

But I wonder how Bush would react to the 50 proud "owners" packing the meeting room for a "Cut the Clutter" presentation at Lake Zurich's Elia Area Library? I'd bet my Platinum American "Impress" card that all of us Baby Boomers were sitting there because we'd already staked our claim in the "Ownership Society"—by taking all those credit cards, tax cuts, and refinanced mortgages, and wisely reinvesting them in clutter and debt faster than you can say "Stuff It Self-Storage."

As the comedian George Carlin put it, "that's what this country is all about—tryin' to get more stuff. Even stuff you don't want and don't need. Even stuff you can't afford! You gotta keep on getting' more stuff. Otherwise your neighbor might wind up with more stuff than you. Can't let that happen."

Yep, with bigger crammed garages, better doodads gathering dust, higher credit limits, and more housing square footage to fill, you could say we're middle-aged lemmings drowning in the American dream—many with no life raft for the future. Just consider that the current American savings rate is now pegged at less than 0 percent.

We Baby Boomers seem intent on spending our prime earning years ensuring we go bust in old age. Maybe that's why the AARP is up in arms about Bush tampering with Social Security. Are they worried retired Boomers won't have enough to pay for AARP membership fees AND dog food without our government checks?

But let's face it. If we do nothing, waves of us retiring Baby Boomers will soon hit Social Security like a Tsunami, vastly outnumbering the younger workers left to support us. Still, we Baby Boomers are eternal optimists. So let's look at the bright side—

With any luck, we'll discover there really is a fountain of youth—when the Social Security retirement age is upped to—say 80. In the meantime, we Boomers can supplement our minimum wage—and de-clutter—with something like the nifty catapult used at the Wauconda Winterfest Great Fruitcake Fling. I'm sure the winners from Casten Body Shop wouldn't mind us charging onlookers for the chance to see us thrust our earthly possessions into oblivion. And best of all, if global warming works in our favor, overburdened workers can't "encourage" Boomers gone bust to stake another claim—to a passing ice flow.

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Leslie Clazier-Werner

LES ON
LIFE

Dennis Downes to mark 100th public show March 10

Dennis M. Downes, internationally known painter and sculptor, will be present all four days of his fifth annual solo show opening March 5 for four showings at The Grove's Redfield Center, 1421 Milwaukee Ave. Glenview, a short distance north of Dempster St.

Downes maintains his studio and residence in Antioch.

The Grove, a national landmark, will receive a portion of the proceeds for preservation purposes for the show running March 10, 11, 12 and 13. An original painting will be raffled off as part of fundraising activities.

Known for his interest in Native American art and culture, Downes is the creator of the 16 foot sculpture of

an Indian Trail Marker Tree at the Lake County Museum.

The Grove show will mark Downes' 100th public exhibit.

During the month of February, a documentary focusing on the four-day show is being aired daily on Channel 17 at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Downes also is known for making his own materials, particularly ink and frames. A special exhibit room at Redfield Center will feature photos of living examples of Trail Marker Trees, some of them located in Lake County.

Show times are Thursday, March 10, 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday, March 11, 1 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, March 12, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, March 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

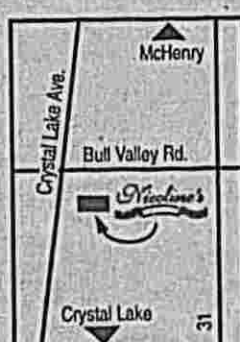


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Tom Witom
**COOKING
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Master Chef Martin Yan's latest book, "Martin Yan Quick & Easy" (Chronicle Books), is a companion piece to his most recent public television series, and as its title implies, the recipes (more than 150) can be completed in 30 minutes.

Eight Precious Fried Rice, with its intriguing mix of ingredients, including tea leaves, takes this rice dish several cuts above the norm. It has more than eight ingredients, but as Yan explains, the number eight symbolizes good luck in Chinese culture. "When a Chinese dish is called 'eight precious,' you know it has many delicious flavors and interesting textures," he notes.

We paired it with another of Yan's simple but flavorful dishes, Sea Scallops in Sweet Chili Sauce.

Among other showstoppers of his are sesame-orange beef, chicken lettuce cups and Korean-style lamb chops.

Eight Precious Fried Rice

2 Tbl. vegetable oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tsp. oolong tea leaves
1 cup diced cooked meat such as smoked ham or roasted duck
1/4 cup pine nuts
1 cup shredded napa cabbage
1/2 cup chopped Chinese long beans or green beans

Place a stir-fry pan over medium-high heat until hot. Add the oil, swirling to coat the sides. Add the garlic and tea leaves and cook, stirring until fragrant, about 20 seconds. Add the meat, pine nuts, napa cabbage, cauliflower and beans and cook, stirring, until the vegetables are tender-crisp, about 2-1/2 minutes.

Add the egg and cook, lightly stirring, until the egg begins to set, about 1 minute. Add the

1 egg, lightly beaten
5 cups cold cooked long-grain rice
1/2 cup canned or thawed, frozen corn
1/4 cup golden raisins
1/4 cup dried cranberries
3 Tbl. vegetable broth
2 Tbl. oyster-flavored sauce
1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. white pepper

rice, separating the grains with the back of a spoon. Add the corn, raisins, cranberries, broth, oyster-flavored sauce, salt and pepper and mix well. Cook, stirring, until the rice is heated through, 2 to 3 minutes.

Transfer to a serving plate and serve.

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2. In a medium bowl, combine all the ingredients, beat until well blended then pour into the pie plate.
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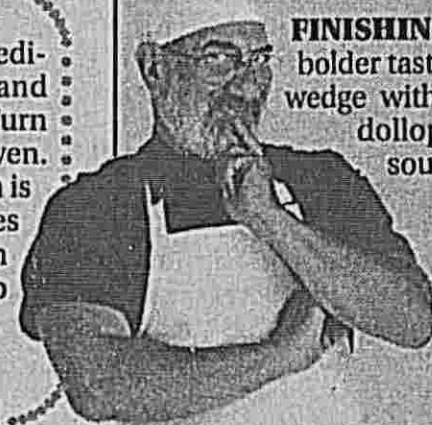
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
Salt and freshly ground pepper
3 ounces Gruyère cheese, grated
2 tablespoons capers, chopped
2 tablespoons chopped onion
Grated zest from 1 lemon
2 tablespoons chopped red bell pepper
4 large basil leaves
8 slices bacon

Extra-virgin olive oil
Fresh herb sprigs
Lemon and lime wedges

Preheat the oven to 450°F. Pound the chicken breasts between 2 sheets of plastic wrap until thin. Season with salt and pepper. Top each breast with cheese, capers, onions, lemon zest, bell peppers, and a basil leaf. Starting at the lower point, roll up the breasts. Wrap each breast with 2 slices of bacon and secure with toothpicks. Heat a

large, heavy, oven-proof skillet over medium-high heat. Add the paupiettes and brown on one side, about 4 minutes. Turn them over and place the pan in the oven. Bake for 10 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through. Transfer the paupiettes to plates and drizzle them with extra-virgin olive oil. Garnish with herb sprigs and lemon and lime wedges.

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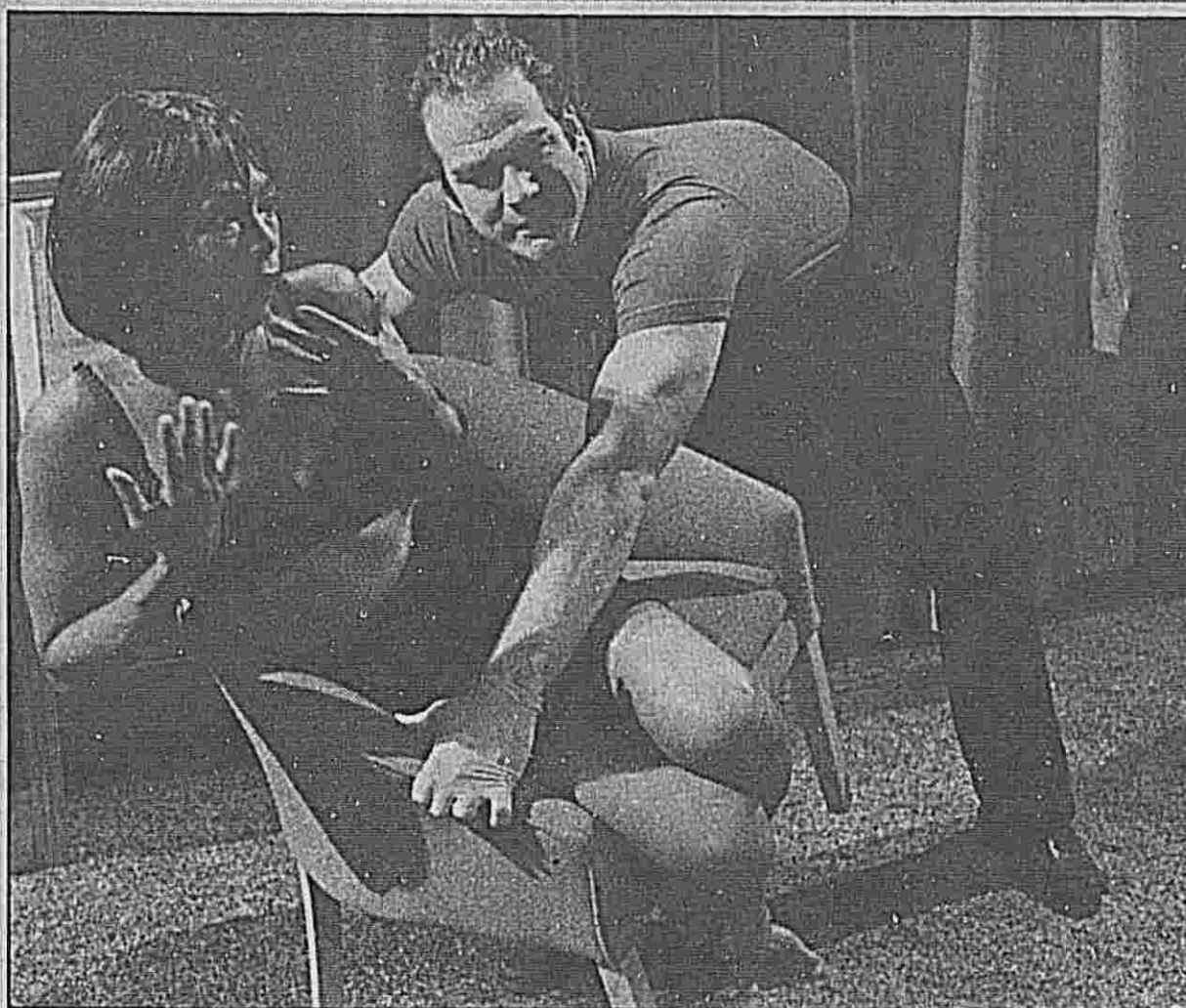
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Court Theatre's 'Quartet' requires an acquired taste



Steven Rishard as Valmont and Karen Kandel as Merteuil in Court Theatre's production of "Quartet."

CRITIC'S CHOICE

By Tom Witom

Court Theatre continues its 50th anniversary season with "Quartet," a challenging — and despite its brevity, often tedious — piece by Heiner Müller (1929-1995), a German playwright influenced by Samuel Beckett and known for his avant-garde work. The revival (this work was written in 1987) is produced in association with the Museum of Contemporary Art and takes place at the museum's 300-seat theater.

Inspired by Choderos de Laclos' 18th

century epistolary novel "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," "Quartet" was edited and translated by Carl Weber.

For better or worse, Müller distills it to a one-hour, two-character drama featuring Karen Kandel as the Marquise de Merteuil and Steven Rishard as her lover, the Vicomte de Valmont.

Based on the fictional correspondence between the two characters, "Quartet" tells a story of lust ("every man is one man too few for a woman"), seduction and rejection; their focus: the downfall or, to more accurately, annihilation, of the innocent.

On Stage

Love hardly enters the picture.

Merteuil appears concerned only with self-gratification. "Loyalty may be the wildest of all debaucheries," she observes. However, when Valmont indicates his attentions are shifting to the pious Madame La Tourvel, Merteuil takes offense and instead suggests he woo her chaste, virginal niece Volange, noting "Virtue needs to be exercised."

This leads to intricate role-playing and cross-dressing. Madame La Tourvel's flouncy dress becomes a "character" in one extended scene.

A pig, a coyote and even a shirtless Valmont himself are revealed at various times in diorama-like fashion when curtains part on an oversized shadowbox. Unfortunately, explanations for such appearances aren't always clear.

The bedroom set by Kaye Voyce is fittingly forlorn and occasional music by Andre Pluess and Ben Sussman lends haunting punctuation to the debauchery.

Meanwhile, Kandel and Rishard handle their roles with uninhibited purposefulness. As they romp, they show an athletic grace as well.

If only "Quartet" were more accessible and less pretentious...



"Quartet"

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About 'Love in E-Flat'

"Love in E-Flat" was first presented at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre, in New York City, on February 13, 1967. The play was written by popular Oscar-winning writer Norman Krasna, mostly known for his comedic movies of the 1930s-'60s.

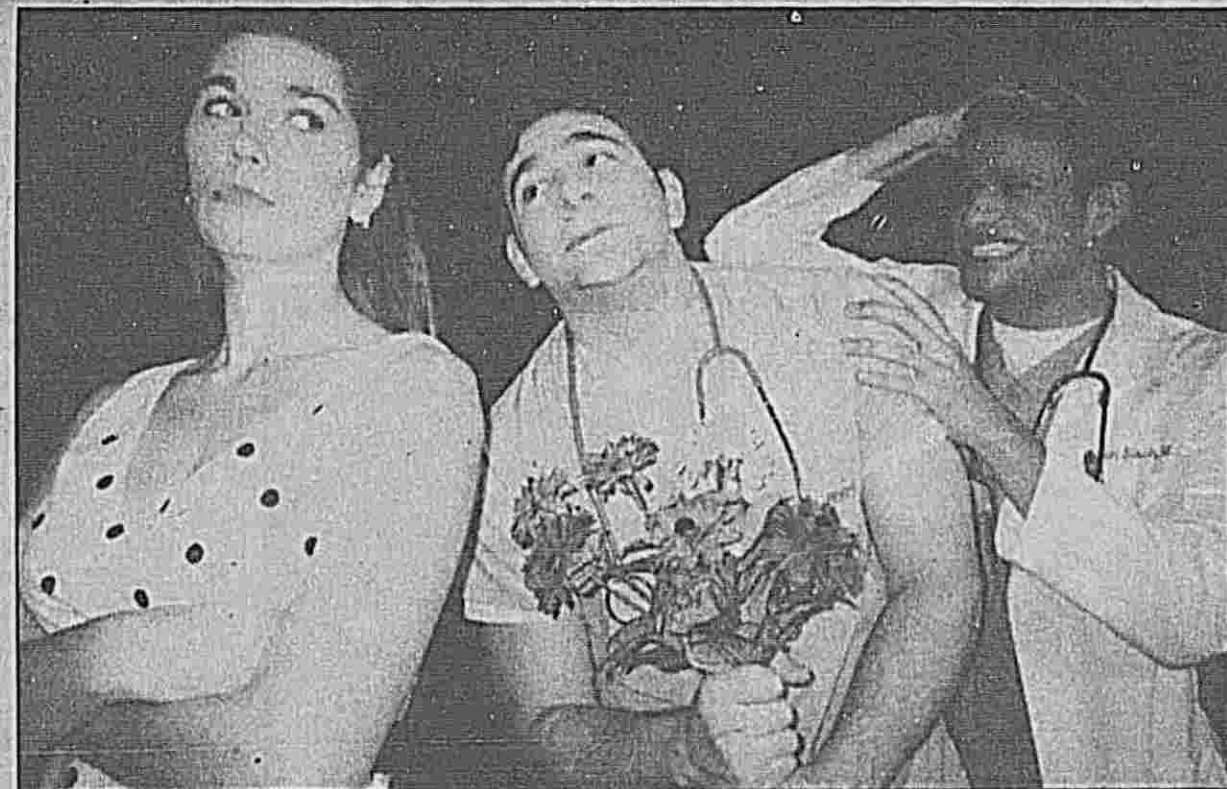
Love in E-Flat is a romantic comedy centering on the relationship of a young couple—Amy and Howard—living in adjacent apartments in a converted brownstone on the East Side of New York City. Amy, a 6th grade school teacher, has been putting up with her thrifty boyfriend Howard for over a year now. As a struggling medical resident, Howard doesn't have a lot of free time or money to spend on taking Amy out on dates, relying instead on Amy to take care of him. Much to Amy's dismay, Howard is also content with their "open" relationship and isn't ready to settle down yet. Their love for each other seems to surpass their commitment and financial troubles,

until Amy finds out that her jealous boyfriend has been spying on her. Amy and Bea concoct a plan to teach Howard a lesson that would put "Lucy" & "Ethel" to shame. Howard does everything he can to figure out what is really going on with the help of his buddy/roommate Mitch, even concocting a few schemes of their own. With farcical twists and turns, this charming comedy is a delight for the audience.

Performances run from Feb. 18 to March 13, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 with advanced purchase and \$18 at door. Special discounts are given to senior citizens (65+), students with ID, military personnel and groups. For tickets or further information, call 847-433-2660.

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(from left to right): Jessica Granger (as "Amy"), Kimberly Loughlin (as "Bea"), Tony Fiorentine (as "Howard") and Marvin Quijada (as "Mitch").

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These films are currently playing at local theaters. An average of six new reviews a week as well as recent releases can be found under Now Playing at www.reelmoviecritic.com.

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Hotel Rwanda: Stars Don Cheadle. This is No. 1 on both George and Pam's Top 10 for 2004. (PG-13)



Million Dollar Baby: Best Director (Clint Eastwood) as selected by the Chicago Film Critics Association and winner of Golden Globe. (PG-13)



A Very Long Engagement: Best Foreign Language Film as selected by the Chicago Film Critics Association. (R)



In Good Company: A must see for anyone that has gone through a downsizing or corporate buyout. Stars Marg Helgenberger of TV's CSI, with Dennis Quaid, Topher Grace, and Scarlett Johansson. (PG-13)



Assault on Precinct 13 (R)

Coach Carter (PG-13)

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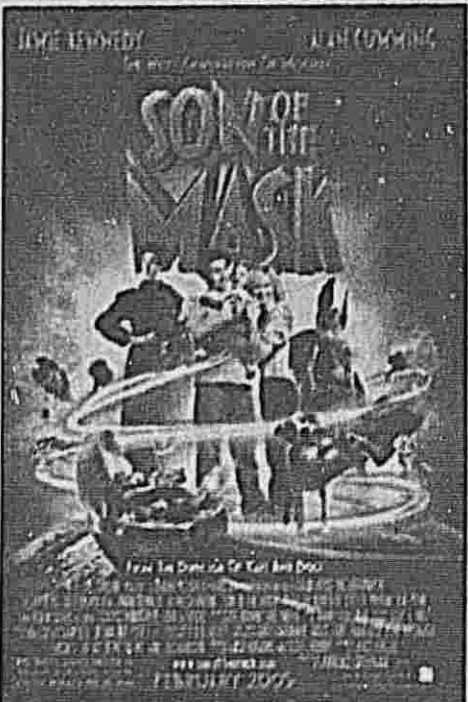
Are We There Yet?

Boogeyman (PG-13)

The Wedding Date (PG-13)

Alone in the Dark

opening this week



Son of the Mask: After an opening sequence introducing Tim (Jamie Kennedy) as a struggling cartoonist longing for that big break, screenwriter Lance Khazei has him fired so he can concentrate on the heart of the story. That focus is on Tim and his babysitting duties for newborn son Alvey (Ryan Falconer) who performs a variety of demonic gross out feats. Alan Cumming is campy and over-the-top as Norse god of mischief, Loki, who's impatient to get his hands on the baby whose powers have been bequeathed by an ancient mask. (PG)



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Family time at the movies

that his name is (what else?) Winn Dixie. If the store calls the pound the dog will likely be put to sleep.

Dad does not want the dog nor does the manager of the trailer park Mr. Alford (B.J. Hopper), the closest person to a villain the film. Opal weasels her way into a job at the local pet store, run by ex-con guitar player Otis (Dave Matthews), so she can earn enough money to buy Winn Dixie a nice dog collar. All the while the scruffy, over sized charmer of a K-9 literally smiles his way into everyone's heart.

When Opal meets reclusive Gloria Dump (Cicely Tyson), she finds a friend who brings the various value conflicts in her life together. How does one deal with loss and great disappointment? She also meets librarian Miss Franny (Eva Marie Saint), who along with Tyson, provide a nice feel good component to seeing a new comer actress with two classic women of the screen. In particular, this is the meatiest role that Tyson has had in some time.

The screenplay is adapted by Joan Singleton from the popular novel "Because of Winn Dixie," by Kate DiCamillo. Director Wayne Wang has tackled the issue of single parents and relationships with their children in the past, in "Maid in Manhattan" and "Anywhere But Here." There is a quite serious side to this story that is somewhat unusual for a film aimed at such young children. There can be events in our lives that are distasteful that we must learn to live with. In this case, Opal's mother left her and JD when she was three years old and never came back. Dad does not like to talk about it because he's as upset about it as Opal. He lost a wife to alcoholism and Opal lost a mother for reasons she does not understand. Learning to live with reality is an important lesson not just for a 10-year-old but for adults at any age.

The film is a little too cute for its own good. Sweetie Pie Thomas (Elle Fanning) has a name and

demeanor that targets the movie at very young children. Aimed at youngsters of tween age, it's probably of more interest to the 3-8 year old group. It's a shaggy dog story with Annasophia Robb so loveable that it's hard for an adult to swallow. That said, it is a feel good story that any child who either has or wants a dog will love.

There is something special about the debut role of Annasophia Robb that reminds us somewhat of Diane Lane in "A Little Romance." Look for more engaging roles for Miss Robb in the near future. With the right parts, she has the potential of doing worthy roles as a teenager and as an adult.



Because of Winn Dixie

Review by
 Pam & George O. Singleton
 at info@reelmoviecritic.com

Cast

Annasophia Robb	Opal
Jeff Daniels	JD
Dave Matthews	Otis
Eva Marie Saint	Franny
Cicely Tyson	Gloria Dump

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Each Study has a specific requirements such as age, sex or medical condition for participants. The physicians conducting the study reviews each volunteers' medical history and study requirements to determine who

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- Playing an active role in their own health care
- Gain Access to new research treatments before they are widely used
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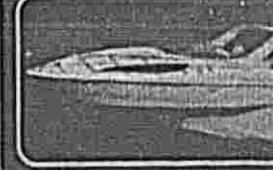
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Lake County CASA event raises \$140,000

The Lake County Court Appointed Special Advocates raised \$140,000 at their first annual dinner fund-raiser attended by 400 donors at the Concord in Kildeer, reported Terri Zenner Greenberg, CASA executive director.

Portrayed as "A Night in Casablanca," the banquet hall with the Roy Vornbrack Orchestra members all wearing a red fez, was turned into a colorful replication of Rick's Cafe' American, made famous, in the movie "Casablanca."

One of the highlights was the purchase by

Robert Fealy of Elmhurst for \$2,700 of a painting by a 16-year old abused child being helped by a CASA advocate or volunteer. Tom Reusche of Lake Forest was so impressed by the beauty of the painting, that he made a matching bid for another painting to be drawn by the young woman.

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Kevin Winstead, a resident of Round Lake and Dana Maki of Grayslake, are pleased to announce their engagement.

Dana is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in English-Fine Arts.

Kevin is studying to be a life insurance agent.

The couple were introduced by mutual friends in the fall of 2003. Their wedding will take place in Lake Zurich the summer of 2005.



Kevin Winstead & Dana Maki

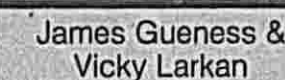
James Gueness & Vicky Larkan

Grace Cozzi-Gueness of Vernon Hills, and Paul Gueness of Englewood Fla., are very proud to announce the engagement of their son, James Louis Paul Gueness to Vicky Larkan daughter of Freddie and May Larkan of Perth, Australia.

The couple met in Monfalcone, Italy in 2001 and was engaged in Athens, Greece in 2003.

The groom-to-be earned an Associate of Science degree from Full Sail School of Recording Arts in Winter Park Fla., in 1998. Jim is an audio engineer.

The bride-to-be studied at the Debra McCulloch Dance Academy, Dance Art Studios and Graduate College of Dance in Perth, Australia. In addition to being a professional dancer, Vicky is a receptionist at the Perth Airport.



James Gueness & Vicky Larkan

The couple will be married May 7, 2005 in Perth, Australia, where they will reside.

Rina Russell & Greg Robinson

The engagement of Rina Russell and Greg Robinson has been announced.

Rina, the bride-to-be, is the daughter of Scott Russell and Nadine and Keith Holmes of Lake Villa.

The future groom is the son of Theresa and (the late) James Robinson of Okoboji, Iowa.

The wedding will take place on April 30 with a reception at the Chateau Rand in Des Plaines.



Rina Russell & Greg Robinson

Nicki Wessel & Dave Parker

Patrice Wessel Elacqua (husband James) of Gurnee, announces the engagement of her daughter, Nicki Wessel, to Dave Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Chris) Parker of Pleasant Prairie, Wis. A November wedding is planned. (Nicki's father, Tom, passed away in 1997).

Nicki, a 1997 Warren High School graduate, received a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. in 2001. She is currently employed by Six Flags Great America as a full time supervisor in the games and attractions department.

Dave, a 1995 graduate of Temper High School of Kenosha, Wis., received a Bachelor's Degree in business from the University of Wisconsin, Parkside, in 2001. He, too, is currently employed by Six Flags Great America as a full time supervisor in the games and attractions department.



Dave Parker & Nicki Wessel

Tara Dayment & Rob Busa

Tara Dayment and Rob Busa have announced their engagement.

Tara is the daughter of Wayne and Donna Dayment of Richmond.

Rob is the son of Patti and Terry Landwehr of McCullom Lake and Tom and Donna Busa of Zion.

The wedding will take place in December, 2005, with a reception at Magnolia's of Richmond.



Tara Dayment & Rob Busa

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Art

Stenciling group

The Lakes Area Artisans chapter of the Stencil Artisans League meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the Libertyville/Mundelein/Vernon Hills area. The organization is dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the art of stenciling, faux finishing and decorative painting. There is no art experience or talent required to enjoy this group. Each meeting is focused around a learning project.

At the Feb. 8 meeting, they stenciled on fabric that will be made into a purse. The activity for the March 3 meeting will be stenciling on a mirror. Reservations are necessary. The project will be presented in a fun and easy format. For more information, call 847-680-7166.

Artists wanted

A special invitation is extended to area artists and craftspeople to be among the exhibitors in the 16th Annual Arts & Crafts Adventure, an arts

and crafts show to be presented by American Society of Artists, a national membership organization, on the grounds of the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect, Park Ridge, Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Potential exhibitors in this fine juried event are invited to submit four slides or photographs of work representative of that which they wish to exhibit, one slide/photograph of their display setup, a self-addressed, stamped, business-size (No. 10) envelope. A resume or show listing is also helpful. Exhibitors need not be members of American Society of Artists to apply or to exhibit.

Art In Action, a popular feature of this well attended event will again be included in the show with some of the exhibitors working/ demonstrating at various times during the show. Programs will be available free of charge at the show listing the exhibitors, their medium and showing their location in the show.

Additional information may be obtained from American Society of Artists, PO Box 1326, Palatine IL 60078 or by calling 847-991-4748 or by visiting them at www.americansocietyofartists.org

Public Speaking

4-H to Host Public Speaking Contest

The 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19th at 9 a.m. at the University of Illinois Extension Lake County office, 100 S. HWY 45 in Grayslake. This is a wonderful opportunity for all public presentation project members to demonstrate their speaking skills and knowledge. Participants must be enrolled in 4-H, however, the public is invited to come and listen. Presentations will cover a vast array of topics in general public presentations and horse public presentations. 4-H members will be judged according to State 4-H guidelines.

Participants need to choose from the following categories of speech: Formal, Demonstration, Extempore, Master of Ceremonies, Oral Interpretation and Original Works for the general classes and Formal, Illustrated and Team Demonstrations for the horse classes.

For more information call Michela Moore at 847-223-8627 ext. 106.

Theater

NYC theater tour

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside Theatre Arts Department invites area residents to experience theatre as it was meant to be experienced: on Broadway! The department is

offering its New York Professional Theatre Trip March 12-19.

Along with round-trip airfare from Milwaukee to New York and round-trip ground transportation to and from the tour hotel, the package includes excellent seats to four major New York productions. Participants also have the opportunity to hear from a series of guest speakers including actors, directors, and designers.

Space for the UW-Parkside New York Professional Theatre Trip is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call the Theatre Arts Office at 262-595-2702 or 262-595-2581.

Show

45th Annual Antique Show

The Northern Illinois Antiques Dealers Association announces its 45th Annual Show on Saturday, February 19, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, February 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show is held at Forest Hills Lodge (1/2 mile east of Rt. 251) just north of Rockford on Route 173. (Exit 1-90 at East Riverside, go west 1 mile to Perryville Rd. Turn north, go 4 miles to Rt. 173. Turn west, go 1/2 mile to Lodge on the south side of road.) There is plenty of free parking and food is available. Admission is \$5.

Thirty eight quality dealers will offer a wide variety of antiques from the U. S., England, and Scandinavia for sale: furniture, architectural fragments, woodenware, textiles, stoneware, China, glass, silver, jewelry, toys and more. Gilbertson & Gilbertson, Wisconsin, specialize in American Country Furniture; Bruce and Linda Tomlinson, Minnesota - textiles and interesting smalls; The Pine Tree, Wisconsin, pattern glass; The Old Chenoa Co. and Blue Clover Antiques - flow blue china; Joyce's Silver - silver plate flatware and hollowware; Karen Hill - garden antiques; One and Only - Jewelry; Antiques at Hillwood Farm - 17th to 19th century furniture and accessories; Donna Finegan Antiques - 18th and 19th century costumes and textiles; Barbara A. Johnson Antiques - Scandinavian antiques.

The Northern Illinois Antiques Dealers Association donates profits from the show to several historical societies: Erlanger Home Museum in Rockford, Boone County Historical Society, Ogle County Historical Society, Kishwaukee Valley Heritage Society in Genoa, Pecatonica Heritage Museum, Arlington Heights Historical Society, Palatine Historical Society, and the Joiner History Room at the Sycamore Library.

Comedy

King of the comedy mountain

Chemically Imbalanced Comedy proudly announces their upcoming ENCORE Series presentation of King of the Mountain. This original CIC production will have at least two different comedy groups competing each week for the title of King of the Mountain. The winner will return the following week to defend its title! CIC previously mounted King of the Mountain last year and with such success that they are bringing it back into rotation. Since the troupes are continually changing you never know what to expect; improv, sketch, Rock Comedy, solo artists, you name it! This is a true comedy competition! It opens on Feb. 25 and runs every Friday night at 11 p.m. through April 29 at The Conservatory at 4210 N. Lincoln Avenue.

Competing troupes include Legato, Project Sunshine, No Means Yes, ProNounced Hannibal, Juke Box Heroes, Available Cupholders, The Angry Northeast, Q5 and The Chris and Scott Show.

Charity

Support the Children's Miracle Network

Community Trust Credit Union is pleased to announce that it will continue offering its popular State Quarters Program, which last year raised \$2,200 for the Children's Miracle Network.

Available for just \$4 at Community Trust's Gurnee and two Grayslake locations, each State Quarter Collection features two uncirculated State Quarters in a colorful tri-fold display card that's full of interesting facts about the design of the quarter and the state's history and culture. CTCU also has the collectors' box, which costs \$10 and holds the State Quarters of all 50 states (quarters not included). Net proceeds from the State Quarter Program are donated to the Children's Miracle Network.

"People tell us that they enjoy collecting State Quarters with their children, and feel good about doing something that helps other local children who are in need," said Community Trust's Marketing Director Michelle Huffine.

For details or to learn more about the benefits of becoming a member of Community Trust Credit Union, visit their Web site at www.ctcu.org or speak with a member service representative.

Skull artist now exhibiting

The special exhibit "Peter V. Bianchi the Art of Science" continues at the Kenosha Public Museum through April 3. The exhibit includes original oil paintings commissioned by the National Geographic Society with the addition of Bianchi's personal archival materials.

The major works on exhibit were commissioned as illustrations for National Geographic articles and books. One of the most famous works is "Zinjanthropus," a representation of the skull discovered by Dr. Louis and Mary Leakey in Olduvai Gorge, East Africa in 1959. The painting became the cover illustration



of the September, 1960 National Geographic magazine featuring a story on the Leakey discovery. Other paintings feature the Hohokam Indians, the Anasazi of the Wetherill Mesa, ancient Greece and Rome, the Chan Chan culture and the Russell Cave dwellers. The exhibit includes related cultural artifacts from various museum collections.

Other works included in the exhibit depict Bianchi's his early work in commercial art and portraiture and his later interest in religious works. For more information, call the Kenosha Public Museum at 262-653-4140.

IFMA Freestyle Motocross returns

X Games Gold Medallist Chuck Carothers headlines an all-star cast of competitors

Clear Channel Entertainment - Motor Sports announced that the International Freestyle Motocross Association (IFMA) will return with two days of competition to the Allstate Arena in Rosemont Feb. 18 & 19, with the premier freestyle motocross tour in the country. The IFMA returns after taking a year off in 2004, averaging over 39,000 fans in 2002 and 2003.

Returning to the IFMA is 2004 X Games Gold Medallist Chuck Carothers along with X Games competitors Dayne Kinnaird, Beau Bamburgh and Jim McNeil. A total of 14 riders will be on hand to compete for a \$45,000 prize purse. In 2005, the IFMA will now feature an all-new event format featuring doubles competition, whip contest and a head-to-head best trick competition. The event champion will be crowned in the freestyle finals where each rider will put his best trick routine together in a 90-second run. The panel of IFMA judges will score each run and the highest score takes home the title.

There are two days of competition with three huge events, Friday and Saturday Feb. 18-19. Show times are at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday nights with the doors opening at 7 p.m. There will also be a Saturday event at 2 p.m. with doors opening at 1 p.m. A pit party will precede Saturday afternoon's competition where fans will be able to walk the track, meet the competitors and have a chance to win merchandise. Pit passes are free at participating Chicago and Northwest Indiana Toyota Dealers. Kids Seats are \$5 and adults can see all the action for \$25. Adults can save \$5 with select Mountain Dew cans. Gold Circle Premium seats are available on a limited basis for \$30. All adult tickets increase \$2 on event day.

Tickets are available at the Allstate Arena Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com, charge-by-phone at 312-559-1212 or fmx.cc.com.

For more information on the IFMA or the Rosemont, Ill. event including a complete rider list.

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About the Volo Bog State Natural Area

The current landscape of the northeast corner of Illinois was shaped principally by glacial activity thousands of years ago. As the climate continued to warm, the ice blocks melted, forming depressions which developed into lakes, bogs and marshes. Volo Bog was originally a deep 50-acre lake, with steep banks and poor drainage. Research on pollen grains preserved in the bog indicates that the lake began filling with vegetation approximately 6,000 years ago. A floating mat, consisting primarily of sphagnum moss formed around the outside edges among the cattails and sedges. Volo Bog is significant in that it exhibits all stages of bog succession.

Each season brings its own beauty and wonder to Volo Bog and seasonal visits allow for observation of a wide variety of plant and animal life. In the spring, fern fiddleheads reveal their beautiful fronds. Bog buckbean and leatherleaf bloom in abundance. A great variety of songbirds, waterfowl and wading birds stop by as they migrate north to their summer nesting areas.

Volo Bog events Guided Tours of Volo Bog a Delight in Winter

Saturdays & Sundays 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Winter is a beautiful time to take a tour of Volo Bog. Leatherleaf, pitcher plants, tamarack and other plants of the bog have fascinating winter ecologies. Signs of deer, rabbit & raccoons abound; mink, coyote & owls leave signs for more careful observers. No reservations are required for individuals and small groups to attend these one-hour tours. Groups of 10+, please phone for special

arrangements.

All ages welcome! Volo Bog State Natural Area, an Illinois Department of Natural Resources site in Ingleside, Illinois, can be reached at 815-344-1294.

Astronomy Nights at Volo Bog State Natural Area

Friday, Feb. 18 8:30-10 p.m.

The Lake County Astronomical Society meets at Volo Bog on the third Friday of each month except December. The club starts with the business meeting at 7:30 p.m., followed by an indoor presentation at 8:30 p.m. and viewing if skies are clear at about 9:30 p.m. The public is always welcome! LCAS memberships are available. For further information, phone Volo Bog at 815-344-1294 or visit the LCAS web site at www.lcas-astronomy.org.

Bird Walks

Sunday, Feb. 27 8 a.m.

The song of Red-winged Blackbirds is a welcome sound in late February as winter shows signs of releasing its icy grip. Join Randy Schietzelt or Joel Orlinsky, volunteers from McHenry County Audubon, on a winter bird hike at Volo Bog. Late winter birding features some early returns as well as our favorite winter visitors, so, bring a friend, binoculars and field guides or borrow from Volo Bog! Open to individuals and families; ages 6 to adult are welcome. Reservations are required; please phone 815-344-1294 or email volobog@imaxx.net. Please tell how many people and if children are included, please tell the age of the youngest participant.

Volo Bog State Natural Area presents "Journey to the Top of the World: An Expedition to the North Pole with Expedition Leader Annie Aggins"

Saturday, March 5 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Take an armchair expedition to the top of the world! Dogsled and ski across the

Polar

pack ice and learn what kinds of challenges face Polar adventurers, and what it's like to be a part of an expedition to the North Pole. Bring your sense of adventure to this very "cool" presentation by Annie Aggins, director of Polar expeditions for The Northwest Passage, an adventure travel company based in Wilmette. Open to individuals and families; ages 10 to adult are welcome. Reservations are required; please phone 815-344-1294 or email volobog@imaxx.net. Please tell how many people and if children are included, please tell the age of the youngest participant. Ameritech Relay for the Hearing Impaired is 800-526-0844.

Chicago Botanic Garden

Winter courses offered to city gardeners

City dwellers seeking creative gardening solutions for challenging city conditions or planting a garden in a small space need travel no further than Lincoln Park to take advantage of School of the Chicago Botanic Garden courses.

The School will offer classes through mid-May at the Notebaert Nature Museum. This location offers easy access to parking and the opportunity for expanded offerings such as hands-on workshops. Classes are taught by gardening experts and Chicago Botanic Garden staff, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Mondays. The schedule is as follows:

Winter Pruning - Monday, Feb. 21

Heather Sherwood, supervisor, specialty areas, Chicago Botanic Garden, shows the techniques and principles behind proper dormant pruning and explores its myths and misinformation. Cost is \$33; Chicago Botanic Garden members and Chicago residents pay \$26.

Great Trees and Shrubs for City Gardens - Monday, Feb. 28

Julie Stundins, horticulture manager, CCIL Landscape Services, discusses 20 trees proven to tolerate the harsh conditions urban street trees experience.

She highlights each tree's features and growing conditions. Cost is \$33; Chicago Botanic Garden members and Chicago residents pay \$26.

Basic Elements of Urban Garden Design - Monday, March 7

Kim Kaulas, garden designer, The Perennial Gardener, gives a general overview of the basic considerations involved with evaluating urban residential landscape spaces and implementing desired transformations. Cost is \$33; Chicago Botanic Garden members and Chicago residents pay \$26.

Planning Your Spring Garden: New Annuals and Perennials for 2005 - Monday, March 14

Kristin Ludwig, new product development specialist, Ball Horticultural Company, shows the newest introductions of annuals and perennials and reveals where to find them. Cost is \$33; Chicago Botanic Garden members and Chicago residents pay \$26.

Twig Trellis Workshop - Monday, March 21

In this hands-on class, participants create two rustic trellises for their garden or large container. Horticulturist and garden writer Greg Speichert demonstrates how to assemble these easy garden accessories and has plenty of examples on hand. Cost is \$62; Chicago Botanic Garden members and Chicago residents pay \$49.

Topiaries for Spring - Monday, April 4

Students create and construct a live topiary under the guidance of topiary designer Karen Thomson. A large choice of frames, including bunnies, cats, dogs, a turtle, a teddy bear and geometric shapes, are available. Cost is \$74; Chicago Botanic Garden members and Chicago residents pay \$59.

Wreath Workshop - Monday, April 11

Under the guidance of Nancy Clifton, horticulturist, School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, students use tillandsia (air plants) to make a living wreath that will last for years. These maintenance-free plants need only a light misting to stay alive for a long time, and this unique wreath is perfect for a protected location outside in the summer.

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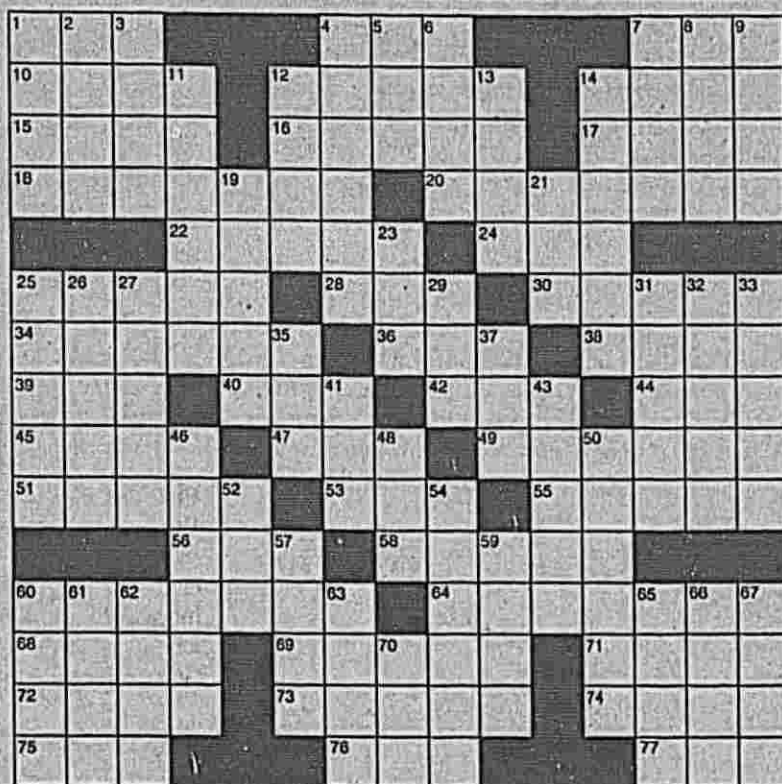
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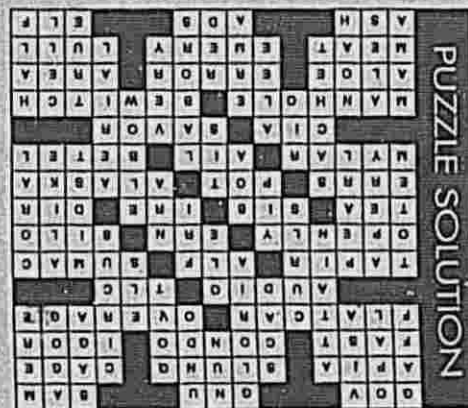
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7. Waterston, TV star
10. Capital of Western Samoa
12. Hung over one's back
14. Hutch
15. Swift
16. Residence
17. Stravinsky, composer
18. Without permanent sides
20. Too old to be useful
22. Sound
24. What a nurse gives
25. S.E. Asian mammal
28. Comic strip character
30. Berried shrub
34. Publicly
36. Sea eagle
38. Grainery
39. Thirst quencher
40. A person's brother or sister
42. Wrath
44. Directory (abbr.)
45. Goofs
47. Pan's partner
49. Juno State
51. Shiny balloon material
53. Cause bodily suffering to
55. Pepper plant
56. Spy group
58. Taste appreciatively
60. Type of cover
64. Hex
68. Healing agent
69. Mistake
71. Domain
72. Food
73. Nail filing board
74. Make calm
75. Fire remains
76. Spots
77. Imp

DOWN

1. Fishhook
2. Opaque gem
3. Countenance
4. Singer Estefan
5. Sister



6. Unmake
7. Adventure story
8. Eager
9. Meager
11. Succeed
12. Any of several carangid fishes
13. Anagram of gyot
14. Performing group
19. Ringlets
21. Golfer Ernie
23. Bullfight cheer
25. Emblem
26. Impersonation
27. Singer Bailey
29. Weekday, abbr.
31. In the middle of
32. Comparable
33. Pink
35. Shriek bark
37. Heston's group
41. Scarf
43. Incite
46. Potpourri bag
48. Bushes
50. In the air
52. Las Vegas hotel
54. Works hard
57. Away from wind
59. Precise
60. Mia, Broadway hit
61. Beers
62. Ark builder
63. Writer Bombeck
65. Factual
66. Tiny body part
67. Not whole
70. Scarlet



HOROSCOPE

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

This week you will have more charm than you know what to do with, Aries. Actually, you know exactly what to do with it and will waste no time twisting people around your finger!

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

What you think is a problem this week really isn't a problem at all. It should not concern you much — move on to other things that can occupy your mind.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

It doesn't matter what is going on in the world outside of your door, but rather what is going on in your head, Gemini. Change your perspective for the better.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

You will enjoy what you have to do on the work front this week, and because you enjoy it, you will do a good job. Your reputation is strong with those who matter.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

You will look at the world in a more relaxed way this week, Leo. That's a good thing, because you generally take yourself too seriously. Loosen up and let go.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Give that special someone the benefit of the doubt, Virgo. But if a nagging voice raises your suspicions, heed your gut instinct and be cautious before acting.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

This is a great week for all kinds of relationships, but particularly for affairs of the heart. You'll find it easy to get along with people and that they want to be around you.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

If you need a break, take one, no matter how much others might try to persuade you that you must keep pushing yourself above and beyond your normal limits.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

A little charm will go a long way this week, Sagittarius. Think about how best to apply that charm to those around you to persuade them to be on your side.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

No matter how many upheavals there have been at home lately, you can put things right again, Capricorn. You will find it easy to rebuild bridges and put negativity out of your mind.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Keep your ear to the ground this week, because you could hear something that is to your advantage. Usually gossip doesn't move you to action ... this time it will.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

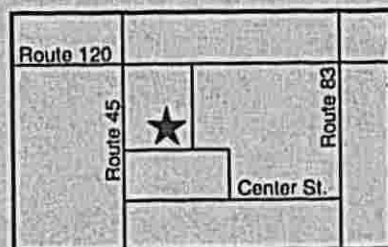
Don't get worked up about your financial situation this week, Pisces. It won't do you any good mentally or physically. A break is ahead.

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HOLLYWOOD

store three years ago when he first met Zahn, and made an introduction by remarking on the customer's jersey.

The two became friends and spent hours discussing the finer points of their favorite films, and later coming up with ideas for their own. They often find themselves blurting out ideas and thoughts that the other was seconds away from voicing.

Late last year, Zahn showed him an early script he had written for what would become

"Death." Brezinski said he was blown away by his friend's ideas, remarking: "This is exactly the type of movie I'd want to see."

Zahn spent his early childhood on-screen, mugging for the 8mm home videos his parents shot incessantly.

He made his own start by shooting a short film titled "Art Attack" at age 13, and during his teen years Zahn created "Z-TV," a cable television music show based in the Quad Cities. Each week, he would play videos by

established and underground acts, once broadcasting an episode featuring metal titans White Zombie.

Directing the program, and hanging out with bands such as Stone Temple Pilots and Megadeth pushed Zahn to pursue a screen career. After making a 16mm black and white short in 2001 titled "Deal," Zahn realized "this is what I want to do."

I don't want to work for someone else, I want a permanent outlet to be creative without being restricted."

He's giving others a chance to chase their dreams by hosting the 2nd annual 24/7 Waukegan Film Challenge this summer.

Art has imitated local life in the film shorts that draw thousands of viewers to the group's site at FMFE.com.

"The Adventures of Gary and Clyde,"

directed by Matt Hansen will soon be released in association with FMFE. The film chronicles the exploits of Mayor Clyde Richards and Alderman Gary Tempers, characters based on Waukegan city officials, as they turn a basketball tournament into a battle royale and create general havoc throughout the city.

With his feature-length directorial debut looming just over the horizon, Zahn hopes his artistic dreams, passion and 60-hour workweeks culminate with his own Hollywood ending.

"It's almost like graduation day. You're moving on to the next level, paying your dues doing the smaller stuff, and stepping into a larger realm," he said.

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Q: "What issue is most important to you in the upcoming municipal elections?"

By Sandy Bressner and John Dickson



John Davis
Waukegan

"The integrity of the candidates."



Michelle Loy
Grayslake

"The (School) District 46 referendum."



Ed Stahoviak
Grayslake

"My problem is the (vacant) restaurant at Center and Whitney (in Grayslake.) It's an eyesore and the village doesn't need that."



Margaret Stahoviak
Grayslake

"One of the concerns we've had is the snow removal this winter. It used to be the best in the county. We don't think that any more."



Cathy Thilmany
Round Lake Beach

"Taxes for schools."

FROM SIBERIA WITH LOVE



Three-year-old Tristan Gottstein of Grayslake gets kissed by a Siberian husky as his sister, Madison, 6 1/2, looks on during the Grayslake Winterfest on Center Street.

Photo by Sandy Bressner

Big bucks for Lake County projects in the works

Naval base, Metra could benefit from president's budget

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

A proposed budget on president Bush's desk could turn the Great Lakes Naval Station into a state-of-the-art facility, while improving commuting in central Lake County, said United States Congressman Mark Kirk (R-Highland Park).

Those two proposed projects could potentially have the biggest impact on Lake County residents, Kirk said, of all the items the president's budget.

Kirk led the way in asking for \$122 million to help renovate Great

Lakes. The Naval station is currently going through a renovation that will modernize much of the base. The additional funds will go toward a "battle station project."

The battle station project, which is in the works with Universal Studios, will be a unique addition to the base, Kirk said. It will essentially pay for a building that will house a ship. In that ship sailors will be able to simulate floods and fires they may encounter on board.

The training will be unlike any other experience, Kirk said. Exceptional naval training prevented the USS Cole from sinking even after it had a hole blown in the side of it while stationed in Yemen in October 2000, Kirk added.

The simulator will also go a long way in bringing more attention and sailors to Great Lakes. The base has

been getting more attention in recent years, and is no longer seen as an old, cold base, he said.



Mark Kirk:
United States
Congressman

Bringing \$122 million in military improvement to one district is more than any country in the world is doing, Kirk said. It's a visible effect of having one of the top Naval training centers in the world.

That type of construction brings in additional workers, thus creating more jobs, Kirk added. And while some may question why so much money is necessary for the military, Kirk said he thought that there could never be enough done for sailors risking their lives for the country.

The second major project that could be passed with Bush's budget is an expansion of Metra's north central line, which runs from Chicago to

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Millennium Trail gains new link

By Steve Peterson

Staff Reporter

A key link to the Lake County Forest Preserve's Millennium Trail bicycle and walking path system is moving forward.

Wauconda Township and village officials are combining efforts to seek Illinois Department of Natural Resources and federal dollars for the stretch of a bicycle path on Garland Road between Main Street in Wauconda and Gossell Road.

"They have talked about it for 15 years and I have known about it for eight. The reason given in the past for not doing it was not enough right of way. But in meeting with the township and village, with the county giving technical support, we found that there was enough right of way," said Lake County Board Rep. Bonnie Thomson Carter (R-Ingleside).



Bonnie Thomson Carter:
Lake County Board Rep.

Carter and township and village officials conducted a combined meeting this week as part of the IDNR grant process.

"People would be able to hike or bike from downtown Wauconda to other towns," Carter said. Carter credited resident Tom Weber as working on the bike path plan.

Meanwhile, Lake County Forest Preserve members considered plans for an easement in the Marl Flat area along the trail in Volo at their meeting this week.

It is part of an agreement to bring water and sewer from Lakes Region Sanitary District for several Volo developments that have won approval. A town center area, is included in the Cambridge Homes project. Another is by Ryland Homes at Fish Lake Road and Route 120 and a parcel south of Route 60. There would be 224 single-family units on 51 acres and 151 multi-family units on 15.91 acres on the north parcel and 52 single-family units south of Route 60.

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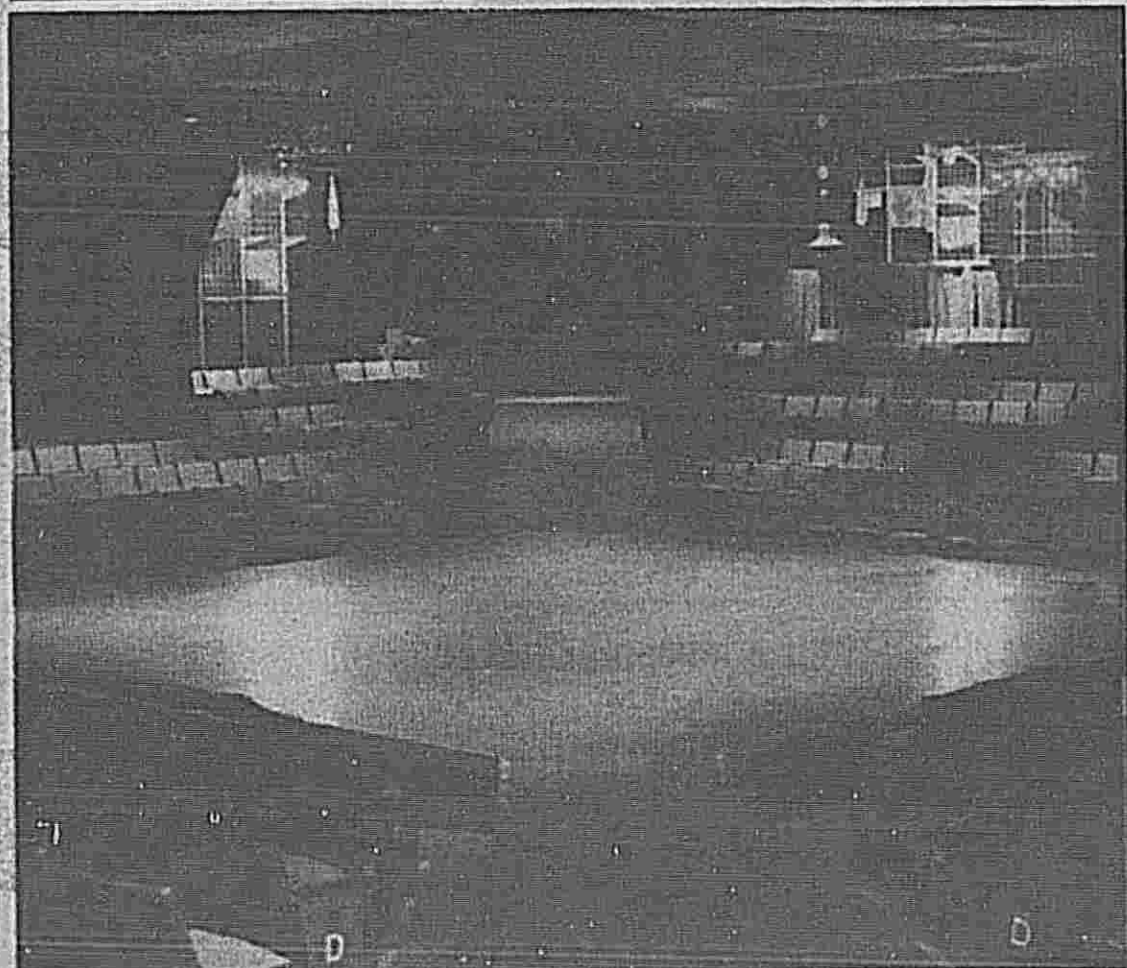
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Crimestoppers seeks fugitive

Lake County Crime Stoppers and the Lake County Sheriff's Office/Warrants Division are seeking information regarding the whereabouts of a wanted fugitive.

A Jeffery Ohlson, male white, date of birth: Dec. 14, 1962, height: 6 feet, weight: 160 pounds, brown hair and blue eyes is wanted on a warrant in Lake County. The active warrant is for Contempt of Court, Failure to pay child support.

Lake County Crime Stoppers and the Lake County Sheriff's office would like to remind everyone to call when suspicious activity or a suspicious person is observed, and do not try to confront suspicious subjects yourself.

School burglary

A large reward offered in school burglary case

Lake County Crime Stoppers and the Round Lake Beach Police Department are seeking information regarding a school burglary.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, unknown offender(s)

broke into the Beach Elementary School, Round Lake Beach and stole 11 HP/Compaq, Model NX9010, Laptop Computers.

The Round Lake Beach Police Department announced that the school district has authorized a \$500 reward.

The \$500 reward that is being offered by the school district is in addition to the reward of up to \$1,000 that is being offered by Lake County Crime Stoppers.

Lake County Crime Stoppers and the Round Lake Beach Police Department would like to remind everyone to call when suspicious activity or a suspicious person is observed, and do not try to confront suspicious subjects yourself.

If you have any information about this crime or any other felony crime or felony fugitive, contact Crime Stoppers at 847-662-2222.

If your information leads to an arrest you could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Crime Stoppers wants your information—not your name.

Bean receives special appointment to small business committee

U.S. Congresswoman Melissa Bean (D-Barrington) has been appointed to the House Committee on Small Business, after being asked to serve because of her extensive background and insight as a business leader and small business owner.

Bean is already a member of the House Committee on Financial Services, which - as one of the most influential committees - is categorized as "exclusive," which means its members are normally not permitted to serve on other House committees. Bean received a special waiver from her party's leadership, because they consider her experience and involvement exceptionally valuable to the Small Business Committee's work.

"I am honored to have been asked to serve on the Committee on Small Business," Bean said, "It has long been a priority of mine to bring the perspective of the small business community to Washington, and I am eager to work with my colleagues in both parties to

address the concerns small business owners face and advocate strongly on their behalf."

As a member of the House Committee on Small Business, Bean will help craft legislation that directly affects small business owners, including helping small businesses deal with the rising cost of health care; encouraging federal agencies to do more business with small companies; fighting burdensome and unnecessary federal regulations that hinder small business growth; and pursuing other initiatives that create an environment in which small businesses can start, expand and prosper.

Bean made the announcement in Washington, D.C. yesterday while addressing the annual policy conference of the National Association of Women Business Owners, the only dues-based national organization representing the interests of all women entrepreneurs in all industries. The association currently has over 8,000 members in nearly 80 chapters nationwide.



Nicholas M. Wolsonovich, Ph.D., (left) Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Chicago named James Schuster, (center), an AP European and world history teacher, and Michael Fitzgibbons, (right) director of campus ministry at Carmel High School in Mundelein, as recipients of the 2005 Heart of the School Award in the "Rising Star" and "Behind the Scenes" categories respectively. Also pictured above are Sister Joan Mehney, O.P. (second from left) and Lynne Strutzel, (second from right), Associate Principals at Carmel High School. Schuster resides in Northbrook and Fitzgibbons is a resident of Mundelein.

Area teachers win 2005 'Heart of the School Awards'

By Caitlin Prendergast

Staff Reporter

Three Lake County teachers stood out among a pool of 600 nominees to win the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools' "2005 Heart of the School Awards."

The 14 award winners were honored for their unique and innovative accomplishments as teachers in Archdiocese of Chicago schools, according to the Office of Catholic Schools.

Each teacher attended a luncheon last month where they received a pin, commemorative plaque and a monetary award provided by the following corporate sponsors: Benziger Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, Catapult Learning, CDW-G, Comcast Cable, Lifetouch National School Studies, Private School Aid Service and School Specialties, Inc.

The three regional award winners are Carmel High School teachers James Schuster and Michael Fitzgibbons, as well as Catherine Green, a fourth-grade teacher at St. Gilbert School in Grayslake.

"Most of these awards go to Cook County teachers, so Lake County is fortunate to have several winners this year," Green said. "It's an honor and a privilege to be recognized for the work we do."

Green's award was in the "Catholic School Identity and Mission" category, which honors teachers who implement catechetical approaches in the curriculum and are committed to promoting peace and justice, according to the Office of Catholic Schools.

Green has been an educator for 30 years, 14 of which have been spent at St. Gilbert. She teaches all subjects, including religion, which she tries to implement in every lesson.

Green stresses the importance of a well-rounded education.

"It's important for me to reach every student and help them realize their strengths - not just focus on their grades," Green said.

Green often uses true stories from her life to teach her students lessons, she said.

"I share my life stories and my faith stories with the children, so they see that I'm also

human," Green said.

Schuster won in the "Rising Star" category, which commends newer teachers who contribute to the success of their schools by exhibiting vigor, enthusiasm and excellence in the classroom.

Schuster came to Carmel in Mundelein three years ago with a business background.

"It was flattering to even be nominated for the Rising Star, let alone to win it," Schuster stated in an e-mail. "It was particularly gratifying to me as a new teacher because this represents a huge change in my life and that of my family. I spent 25 years in business before I chose to sell my company and pursue a dream. To be recognized reaffirms that the choice was a good one, and successfully negotiated."

Schuster teaches AP European and world history, as well as honors world history, and his classroom activities engage students in a variety of ways.

Schuster said he genuinely cares for his students and he respects them all as people.

"I talk about my kids constantly, and 'my kids' is exactly how I think of them," Schuster stated in an e-mail.

Fitzgibbons, Carmel's director of campus ministry, won the "Behind the Scenes" award, which honors full-time, non-administrative, professional staff members who contribute to the success of educational programs in unique ways.

Fitzgibbons has been a campus minister for 30 years. He cited his greatest accomplishment as helping implement and direct the Kairos Retreat Program, which is a four-day program for high-school seniors that teaches them leadership skills and how to search into themselves, he said.

He also directs retreats for high-school juniors, and he oversees an eighth-grade retreat staffed by both juniors and seniors.

His students have been congratulating him on the award with plenty of "high fives" in the hallways, Fitzgibbons said.

"It's a pretty-humbling experience," he said.

"There's a lot of great teachers in the archdiocese schools and to be chosen is overwhelming."

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Mark Maskalunas give his fiancée Kristin Koeppen a hand down from a Long Grove carriage after bringing her in style to a bridal shower at Seasons. Maskalunas had altered the "Just Married" sign on the back to read "Almost Married."

10 years 1995

The Grayslake Police Department was planning a move. The village board had just approved a plan that would move the police department into the existing village hall. Village hall would then move into a new building to the east. It was estimated to cost \$160,000 to renovate the village hall into a police department.

Hawthorn Woods police officers were upset over a newspaper report, which claimed the village had as many as eight active gangs. Police officials claimed that an Illinois State Police report was taken out of context. The only gangs the village has dealt with are the ones that may drive through town, they said.

With temperatures plummeting below zero, attendance numbers suffered at the Northern Illinois Conservation Club Ice Fishin' Derby in Antioch. The derby, which was one of the biggest in the area, saw a 60 percent attendance dip in 1995.

20 years ago 1985

Lake County Sheriff's Officers were

warning residents that snowmobile thefts were on the rise during winter months. Police were recommending that residents lock up snowmobiles, if they are not being used.

25 years ago 1980

A car struck three horses, which had escaped from a nearby stable, as they crossed O'Plaine Road in Gurnee. The driver, of Gurnee, said he was driving home when the horses appeared and he lost control of his car. The man was treated for injuries at St. Therese in Waukegan. One of the horses died on impact. The other two suffered injuries and to be put down on the scene. The horses were valued at more than \$2,000.

Gurnee firefighters suspected that a fire at a mobile home in Park City was the result of arson. "Youngsters" were seen near the home prior to it catching fire. They same youth we've seen running from the area after the fire began. The home was completely destroyed.

State funds help keep residents warm

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

Winter weather remains a reality for all Lake County residents, but many have received temporary and even permanent relief from the cold's effects.

In conjunction with the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Community Action Partnership of Lake County (CAPLC) is helping to provide financial assistance for residents to provide heat for their homes. The organization also works with the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program to gain government assistance for home repair work to protect residents from the elements.

For most residents who request help, LIHEAP provides a one-time benefit (usually around \$500) to eligible households to be used for energy bills, said CAPLC energy director Tom Seno.

Households are evaluated based on income, household size, fuel type and geographic location. A third of the grant goes to the electric company with the remainder being sent to the primary energy provider.

The money saved could be used for other necessities, Seno said, and represents a "god-send" for the seniors who comprise 35 to 40 percent of the total grant recipients.

"This enables them to keep their house and be comfortable," he said. "They don't have to make a decision if they're going to buy and take their medicines or heat their house."

While approximately 5,500 people have signed up for the one-time benefit, Seno said there is still money for nearly 2,000 more county households to receive aid. All funds used for LIHEAP and the weatherization program come from the Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPA).

LIHEAP has provided grants to more than 240,000 state residents this winter alone, said spokesman Barnaby Dinges.

"It's really an attempt to find an appropri-

ate grant that is significant, and can help as many families as possible," Dinges said.

A resident living alone must make \$1,164 or less in gross income for 30 days prior to the application date in order to receive assistance. This monetary amount increases by \$397 for each additional household member.

The weatherization program helps around 160 county households per year, Seno said. Workers replace windows and doors, and can install insulation and change furnaces to maintain households for freezing conditions.

The program brought welcome help to 58-year-old Gloria Reid of Round Lake Beach, whose house remained freezing cold last winter. Confined to a wheelchair, Reid could not make the necessary repairs, but a friend told her about the IDPA offer and she decided to request help.

After she was approved, workers were contracted to put new windows on her house, insulate her attic and replace the doors. Not only does Reid feel warmer, she's saved a great deal of money; her heating bill routinely showed \$130 to \$140 per month last year, but is down to roughly half that total for this winter.

"Believe me, when I used to get out of my bed, my floors were so cold," Reid said. "This has helped me out so much."

Emergency assistance may also be provided to reconnect households to an energy source needed for heat, or if a delivered-fuel supplier refuses to deliver and the tank is running low. In this situation, the resident, CAPLC and the company in question all chip in to pay the cost.

"Just keeping a warm house can have everything to do with how a family feels," Dinges said.

For more information on LIHEAP and weatherization grants, residents may contact their respective townships. For additional service, those living in east Lake County should call 847-249-4330. Those living in the county's west half should call 847-740-2115.

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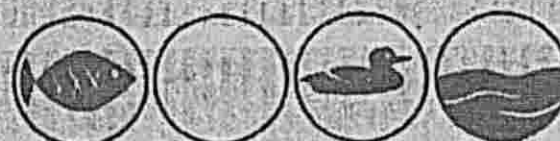
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Road tax plan: show and 'sell'

Members of the Lake County Board haven't given up on creating a new tax for road improvements. Nor should they. Despite a drubbing from voters a year ago on a sales tax increase to pay for highway improvements, the board is coming back in April with another tax hike proposal to fill the need for more and better roads.

No one ever has really figured out why 55 percent of the voters rejected a quarter-cent increase for more road funds on the ballot last March. It wasn't because the funds aren't warranted. We're only guessing, but the defeat might have had something to do with the fact that the County Board proposal was lacking in focus and strong leadership.

So county leadership has rebounded with new dedication to sell a new program that will realize about double the 2004 amount estimated at \$15 million. The April request will be for double the quarter-cent hike sought last year.

Along with the "double or nothing" approach, the campaign for the April tax hike will be accompanied by a "to do" list of new projects the new money will fund. County officials already have decided the program with expanded funding will include 33 intersection improvements and synchronization of more than 100 traffic signals. Not so surprising, the list will touch just about every corner of the county. Every voter will be able to identify with the proposed improvement schedule.

All the county work will be coordinated with state projects to leverage improvements. The theory is that a \$1 spent by the county will return a \$1 plus in improvements.

As in last year's failed proposal, food, medicine and automobiles will be exempt from the county sales tax. Estimates are that the typical consumer will spend about \$44 more per year on purchases. That's less than \$1 per week to be paid by consumers meaning all walks of life will be in the same boat—and deriving benefits equally.

This newspaper supported the quarter tax hike last year. We'll probably support the additional quarter cent being asked in April because better roads are needed badly and so critical to advancing the quality of life. Outlining where the money will be spent is a master stroke. That way taxpayers will be able to see what they'll be getting for the increase in taxes and at the same time have an opportunity to speak out on proposed improvements.

Technical center more than welfare

With \$50,000 in seed money on the table, Shields Township is spearheading a drive to establish a technology center in North Chicago to teach computer and internet skills with the purpose of helping people succeed in today's economy. Chalk up another innovative way township government is serving the community.

Shields Supervisor Charles Fitzgerald hopes the money, raised by the township's Phoenix Rising Foundation, will attract tax-deductible donations and grants to the tune of \$450,000 to establish and equip the center. The College of Lake County, Great Lakes Naval Station, North Chicago Unit School District 187, Youthbuild of Lake County and the Veterans Administration are collaborating on the venture.

Shields Township officials see the project as an extension of the historic role of townships to provide assistance to the needy. The township is one of the most socio and economically diverse areas in the United States. North Chicago ranks 259 out of 262 Illinois communities in terms of income. One-third of its residents are below the poverty level. On the south end of Shields are Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, which together are at the highest level of family income in the U.S.

Fitzgerald views the tech center as providing a means for direct investment in people over and above traditional welfare programs. Once the tech center gets up and running, township officials expect to qualify for federal grants which typically are made to existing programs as opposed to start-ups.

The technical center will be a place where people can help themselves. The project is deserving of all the support it can get.



VIEWPOINT

8th District seat 'woman's work'



Bill Schroeder
Publisher

Taking their cue from both opposition leaders and the voters, Republican leaders are indicating they regard the 8th Congressional Dist. as woman's work. Could be that male politicians thinking about taking on newly seated Democrat Melissa Bean will be looking for other challenges by May 1.

Dr. Bill Dam, 8th Dist. GOP state central committee, spoke about the spring date for party leadership to identify a candidate to take on Bean in 2006. Dam sided with speculation that Republican leaders have a female bias.

That theory has been fortified with a boom developing for County Board Rep. Bonnie Thomson Carter (R-

Inglewood) that party leaders are viewing her as a potential candidate. Support for Carter, who also serves as president of the Lake County Forest Preserve Dist., surfaced in early February with a phone buzz.

Carter responded to press inquiries about her potential candidacy for Congress with a mixture of surprise, humility, and an expression for Republicans to take back the 8th with the "strongest possible candidate" and an all-out effort to win. Carter chose her words wisely, but there was no disclaimer either, other than her desire to do a good job in her present offices.

The 8th Dist. includes territory in northwest Cook County, eastern McHenry County and west Lake County running from

Barrington to Zion.

One Republican scenario has Carter squaring off against State Sen. Pamela Althoff (R-McHenry) in a primary battle that will begin taking shape after Labor Day. Althoff, former mayor of McHenry, already is on the GOP short list of Bean challengers. Althoff is considered a rising star in the Democratic controlled Senate where she has been named GOP spokesperson for the Housing and Community Affairs Committee, a new committee formed by Senate Majority Leader Emil Jones (D-Chicago). Althoff also is serving on appropriations and state government committees.

Bean will need to attain "rock star" status her freshman term to withstand a full

court press Republicans promise in 2006. Bean was presented as a candidate with a business background and a keen interest in public policy. Republicans never exploited a charge that she derived an income of only \$5,000 in her last year as a consultant before running for Congress.

Carter has experience in three family-owned and operated businesses. Her first elective post was as an elementary school board of education member. Carter's GOP pedigree goes back three generations.

The glass ceiling is non-existent in the 8th District. Voters are used to supporting women for public office. Carter and Althoff are sure to stand out in what is expected to be a wide-open primary field next spring.

COMMENTARY

Sexual orientation bill burdens business

The closing seconds of the 93rd Illinois General Assembly provided no meaningful solutions to the state's massive problems in school funding, Medicare, tax relief, and state pensions.

Instead the lame duck legislature passed SB 3186 (signed into law by the governor), which mandates special rights for homosexuals without religious or small business exceptions. Millions of Illinois religious conservatives will be forced to choose between homosexuals as pastors, teachers and child care workers in their churches, schools and day care centers or be forced to go to jail or be ruined by heavy fines.

The burden on small business was best summed up by Illinois Senator Chris Lauzen:

"I would like to address the Small Business 'Practical Hiring' argument against adding sexual orientation to the burden of what an employer is already required to do when he/she tries to cre-

ate a job in Illinois. I served 200 small business owners and their families for more than 20 years doing their accounting and tax work, so I bring an intimate familiarity of how hard it is to make these decisions without further complicating the process.

"For example, when I hired a bookkeeper in my accounting practice, it was difficult enough to predict whether the person would be able to add up the columns of numbers and treat my clients like human beings—without trying to figure out what someone's sexual preference was. As a small business employer, I'm not even allowed to ask someone's age. Yet, under the practical implementation of this law, I could get a telephone call from a lawyer three days later telling me that I'm being sued because I didn't hire an applicant because of his or her sexual preference. Aren't our lives already complicated enough?"

Our activist courts are certain to use this law to mandate gay marriage or "domestic partnership" so homosexuals will get the benefits of marriage our society has given in pensions, insurance, benefits and tax law, further adding to the burden of governments and business in this state. While this won't come right away, these same courts, like they have in Europe, will use the same excuse to sweep away any laws against polygamy, bestiality and lower the age of sexual consent to 14 or lower, because the state can't discriminate on the basis of "sexual orientation."

There's nothing—not even doubling the income tax—our Illinois politicians could have done that would do more to destroy the economy and families of this state than passing this law.—By Grant Noble

Editor's note: Grant D. Noble writes on current issues. He resides in Lake Forest.

PARTY LINES

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Andersons account for 6 ballot spots

Most common surname in the April 5 consolidated election is candidates named Anderson. No fewer than six Andersons will be on the ballot.

There are two **Pat Andersons** seeking election. One is Patrick, the highway commissioner in Avon Township (Round Lake area/Grayslake) seeking re-election and the other is Patricia, who is running for trustee of Nippersink Library District (Spring Grove).

Three Andersons are hopeful of gaining board of education seats: **Joanne** in Fremont Elementary District (rural Mundelein), **John** in Warren Township High School district, and **Bill** in Waukegan Unit School District. **Kurtis** Anderson is running for a four-year term on the Grayslake Park District.

Osmond questioned

Antioch Mayor **Taso Maravelas** is leav-



Maravelas: Targets Osmond for criticism on grant credit.



Hyde: Election poll tells hop-sided story for Election Day.

ing no doubt that State Rep. **JoAnn Osmond** (R-Antioch) was out of line in crediting Trustee Dorothy Larson and other trustees for obtaining a state grant for development of the Rte. 173 corridor. Maravelas said the Antioch professional staff was responsible for obtaining the grant. And so the election torch is turned up. Larson is Maravelas'

opponent in April 5 balloting.

Going sailing

Lincolnshire Mayor **Brett Blomberg**, who is seen in navy uniform regularly as advisor of the Lake County Sea Cadet program, is making sure there is a nautical touch to the village's July 4 celebration by challenging village trustees to entering the holiday Cardboard Regatta. Mayor Blomberg urged council members to "take on all comers" for the fun event to be sailed on Spring Lake. For the uninitiated, cardboard means paper. All sorts of stuff, including scraps of duct tape can be used to hold the craft together, but the basic construction material has to be cardboard.

Hyde comfortable

The Waukegan political scene was stirred last weekend with the revealing of results

of a telephone poll. Mayor **Dick Hyde** was leading with well over 60 percent. Bob Sabonjian was the distant second. Running third was Sam Cunningham. John Balen was fourth and Alex Garizilano fifth. With Hyde racking up a big primary win and coasting to victory April 5, soothsayers see heavy-duty politicking involving the township election.

'Shadow' mayor

Richard M. Cape, challenging Round Lake Beach Mayor **Rich Hill**, is attempting to build a case that Hill is using Trustee Tom Smith as a spokesperson. Cape, a heavy equipment operator, said Hill is dodging questions about how tax increment financing has hurt the unit school district and the village's ability to make need infrastructure improvements. Hill is seeking his third term. He was a trustee before elected mayor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cuts jeopardize future of natural area

Recent state budgetary cuts by Governor Blagojevich in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have seriously affected the Volo Bog State Natural Area. Volo Bog was dedicated in 1970 as a nature preserve in Illinois. Later it was registered as a National Natural Landmark. The visitor's center, which opened in 1980, has undergone extensive renovations. The center includes a program room, gift shop offices, restrooms, many exhibits, hands-on items and a library. The Volo Bog staff has done a tremendous job in keeping Volo Bog and the visitor center in excellent condition.

What will become of this place with the elimination of the positions of site superintendent and other critical positions? What will become of the programs since the site's naturalist will only be on site two days a week? The result will be that the visitor center will be locked five days a week. Programs such as bird walks, insect and aqua safaris, summer bat programs book discussions, guided hikes and more will not be available for nature lovers. Groups of school children will no longer have the opportunity to gather at Volo Bog to learn from the naturalist how to identify different types of frogs, birds and insects. Ghost story night, a popular Halloween attraction for families, will no longer continue as a program. These programs won't be available, because there may not be anyone on site to present or arrange for the presentation of programs.

I encourage all to write the Governor and ask him to reconsider his decision to balance the State of Illinois' budget by making cut-backs in DNR that impact on staffing of the Volo Bog State Natural Area. It is important that this beautiful area continue to be staffed on site by trained and experienced individuals if Volo Bog is to continue as a valued visitor's destination in the State of Illinois.

Marie Caviness, Friend of Volo Bog
Round Lake

Leaving district

I was saddened to hear that some friends who live in my subdivision in Grayslake Elementary School District 46 are putting their house up for sale. They are leaving because they are discouraged by the recent program cuts at our schools.

I am concerned that a number of families are considering leaving the Grayslake area. Here is a message to the families who are considering leaving: don't jump ship yet. Instead, join Yes For Our Kids, a growing referendum committee that is organized and determined. Yes For Our Kids members are regularly planning activities to raise funds and build awareness for bringing back all the programs that were cut in District 46 schools. Please visit their Web site at: www.yesforourkids.com. If you don't have time to join the committee, please remember to vote yes on April 5.

Leslie Piotrowski
Third Lake

Forgetting residents

What is wrong with Judy Martini and our Lake County government? Our Antioch Township subdivisions around the lakes have been crying out for sewer service for many years. Martini even took part in some kind of sewer study back in 1996, yet when Lake County finally ran sewers into Antioch Township, where did they go? To vacant farmland along highways 45 and 173. Martini and our county government seem to be willing to provide sewer service for developers, but not for existing homes. Now Martini wants to run for township office too. Who is she kidding?

Carole Ann Becker
Antioch

Expert flaws

Our nation's integrity has nothing to lose from a transparent, even-handed revision of our voting processes. It's only natural that any complicated endeavor, such as organizing an election designed to accommodate millions of people, should suffer irregularities and systematic flaws.

A revision whose ultimate end is to both better and preserve the integrity our vote can only serve to benefit the practice of democracy in our country. And given that everything needs the occasional check-up, (cars, homes, TVs...) reluctance to undertake such a revision is at least insensible and, at worst, highly suspect.

Mark Plonsky
Vernon Hills

Not listening

For those of you who don't know, Gurnee Grade School Dist. 56 is going for Referendum Feb. 22, tax increase for the sixth time. Then again on April 5, for the seventh.

According to School Board Member Marcia Bleck "The Board must avail themselves of the democratic process by putting it on the ballot and letting the people have another chance to vote their opinions." Marcia, the people have voted their opinion, their opinion is NO! Five times NO! You aren't listening.

Do you think the people of Iraq were told to keep voting until they put in our candidate. Would that mean our Soldiers lost their lives for nothing?

I ask the good people of Gurnee to go to the polls Feb. 22, and April 5, to tell them NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!

Gordon "Buzz" Shepherd
Waukegan

Raising TIF questions

There has been a lot of discussion about the impact on Lake Villa schools from the proposed development of Central Baptist property. Some people who oppose this development seem to base their opposition assuming under a TIF plan the schools would be educating children from homes that wouldn't be paying any property taxes to the

schools for a number of years.

Isn't it a fact that our local schools have been educating children from the Central Baptist Home for a number of years with no property tax revenue from this property?

If the property were purchased before a TIF is possibly established wouldn't the land be placed back on the tax rolls? Once back on the tax rolls property taxes could be collected on land that hasn't paid taxes in years.

I feel that any TIF that maybe brought into being in our area must make some provisions to offset the cost of educating any students brought into our district by any TIF development. I wonder if the tax revenue generated by the TIF could be used to pay tuition for the actual number students generated by the TIF.

John Shaffer
Lake Villa

Outrage to seniors

In response to Gurnee's fast approval of the Majestic Springs Resort, I was concerned at how hasty this approval took place and it's impact on all of Gurnee. While this massive development will greatly benefit the Warren Township High School and Woodland School Districts, it will do absolutely nothing for the failing Gurnee Grade School District 56.

In the wake of five consecutive failed referenda to shore up the educational fund, you would think that the elected village officials might have explored sales tax revenue sharing ideas to benefit a deprived District 56. This should have been relatively simple since the mayor and most of the current board previously had supported and adopted the cost sharing initiative with the Gurnee Park District for their Aquatic Center in 2000. They did so out of village revenues from sales taxes.

It is obvious from this quick approval that spearhead Trustee Karen Wasser never considered the fate of District 56 in her haste to grab headlines and better her westside voters once more. Trustees Wasser, Chamberlain, Thoma, and Mayor Rudney continuously delay the east Gurnee bank project which would add school tax dollars to District 56.

Senior and fixed income type households who live in Gurnee and reside within District 56 should be outraged that their elected officials catered to this developer and took care of everybody, once again, but the ones who need the assistance the most in Gurnee, the students of Gurnee School District 56 and the taxpayers trying to keep this vital community

interest afloat. Perhaps these same residents, both Yes and No voters on the referendum should unite to cast off the biased favoritism that exists with Wasser, Chamberlain, Thoma, and Rudney.

Scott A. Moore
Gurnee

Bring troops home

I have read a magazine lately how Marxists are gaining much control of Latin America, and Cuba, China and Russia are much involved there (attention: U.S. Congress representatives please check it out). The same in Africa, some may appear democratic, but a tenet of communism is to deceive. Eastern Europe, former satellites of the USSR and supposedly of fallen communism are entangling the European union for that over throw when that happens, look out America. We will be surrounded. Note lately the joint military exercises by Russia and China? Former Soviet spy, Anatoliy Golitsyn predicted that and eventually taking their covers off with a clenched fist at America. We also forecast the facade of falling communism and Berlin wall six years before it happened. Also our manufacturers have been foolishly profiting off of China's slave labor while China uses their profits to build great military armaments. I could add much more. We are in great trouble, war is likely on our soil. Who knows, maybe within five years? I say Russia and China haven't disarmed like we have. Attention Congress' representatives, rebuild our defense (the enemy has no weapon limits), bring our troops home, and get out of the "Marxist designed" U.N., etc.

Peter R. Petraska
Waukegan

Stop the smears

Brent Bluthardt has made it quit clear that he is not a Judy Martini supporter. Why does he find it necessary to attack everyone who writes in her favor? It's a well known fact that Mr. Bluthardt is a personal friend of the current Antioch Township Supervisor. There is nothing wrong with supporting your friend, but realize there are other opinions. I've heard the term double-dip so many times from you I feel like making a trip to Baskin Robbins. Let's stop the smear tactics in the paper and move on. Do your friend some good where he really may need it.

Sharon Richardson
Antioch

Letters to the Editor

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Online auction to benefit Spay and Stay

Spay and Stay, a not-for-profit organization that works to humanely reduce the stray and feral cat population in Lake County through sterilization, is kicking off an online auction to raise funds for its program.

Net Sells It Inc., a Gurnee-based online auction business, will manage the auction. Time to clean out closets, basements, and attics to free yourself from stuff you no longer want or need!

Items to be donated can be brought to Net Sells It at 401 N. Route 21, Suite 12, in Gurnee (NE corner of Route 21 and Washington). Items are photographed and listed on eBay or other online auction sites. When an item sells, the donor receives documentation stating the sale price of the item and that the proceeds are being directed to Spay and Stay.

Items that sell well online include consumer electronics: games, cell phones, cameras, and Palm Pilots; designer handbags and

accessories; vintage or antique items; sporting goods; collectibles: figurines, glass, and pottery; and tools and automotive parts.

All items will be considered; donors may contact Net Sells It at 847-782-3229 with questions about specific items. Larger items, such as furniture or large musical instruments, may also be considered as a local buyer may be found via the online auction.

Mark Byrd, the owner of Net Sells It, is excited that his business can help non-profit organizations raise funds through the relatively new channel of online auctions. The Spay and Stay auction will continue to run throughout the spring.

Net Sells It is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays from noon to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about Spay and Stay, call (847) 289-4557 or visit www.spayandstay.org.

Division of Transportation accepting Spring Adopt-A-Highway Program applications

Business, civic, social, youth and not-for-profit organizations looking to volunteer for the good of their community can adopt a highway from the Lake County Division of Transportation. The program allows groups to work together as a team, twice a year, to pick up litter on both sides of their adopted stretch of county highway. Groups develop teamwork, promote their organization and provide a valuable public service to the community.

Adopt-a-Highway is particularly suited to environmentally conscious organizations and citizens. The program provides an opportunity for these groups to make a personal contribution for a cleaner environment.

Adopt-a-Highway volunteers have removed litter from 250 sections of Lake County highways. Thanks to their efforts, the organizations have improved the appearance of the county's highway system.

"With over 298 centerline miles of county highways, Division of Transportation highway

workers cannot keep up with the amount of litter people generate," said Director of Transportation/County Engineer Marty Buehler. "We need volunteer efforts from citizens and organizations to help keep our roadways clean. We're extremely grateful for their efforts in the past and look forward to working with new groups in the future."

The Lake County Division of Transportation provides participating groups with high-visibility vests, trash bags and safety information. Groups are recognized on roadway signs placed along their adopted stretch of highway.

Past participants include groups such as Motorola, Wauconda Fire Department, North Shore Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club and Great Lakes Naval Hospital.

Applications for the Adopt-a-Highway program are available by calling the Lake County Division of Transportation at (847) 362-3950.

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Registered voters hospitalized up to 5 days before election may vote absentee

Registered voters in Lake County who are hospitalized not more than five days before the Feb. 22, 2005 Consolidated Primary Election are entitled to personal delivery of an absentee ballot, subject to statutory conditions. The voter must first complete an Application for Ballot for Qualified Voter Admitted to Hospital Not More Than Five Days Before An Election (SBE form A-12), available at the Lake County Clerk's office, local township and municipal offices offering absentee voting, or from hospitals in Lake County. The voter's physician is required to complete the accompanying Affidavit of Attending Physician.

For more information about any of our absentee voting programs, contact the County Clerk's Absentee Department at 847-377-2406.

College ready with classes

Robert Morris College is encouraging prospective students to keep their New Year resolutions and get their college degrees.

While 2005 brings many opportunities, it is still a tough job market for those without a college education. At the RMC Lake County Campus, student can pursue degrees in: Accounting, Business Administration, Graphic Arts, Health Care Management, Medical Assisting and Networking. At the O'Hare campus, the following degrees are offered: Business Administration, Graphic Arts, Paralegal, Medical Assisting and Networking. Classes for the next quarter begin Feb. 22.

RMC graduates in the medical assisting field have always been in great demand, and students with bachelor's degrees in business administrations are also highly employable. To RSVP for the upcoming open house, call 800-RMC-5960.

County Democratic Women 3rd Power Luncheon

The featured speaker at the Lake County Democratic Women's 3rd Power Luncheon will be Congresswoman Melissa Bean.

The event will take place Sunday, Feb. 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza, 510 E. Route 83, Mundelein. Tickets are \$40 per person. This event is open to the public but reservations are needed. To RSVP, call Linda Hinde at 847-295-5252.

To join the LCDW, or for more information on this event, call 847-295-5252 or e-mail at info@lcdw.org.

Transportation headlines Power Breakfast

One of the most controversial issues confronting businesses, politicians and just about everyone living in Lake County is transportation. The Lake County Power Breakfast tackles this timely and controversial topic when Moderator Hal Coxon gavel the monthly business forum to order at 7:30 a.m. on March 2, at Midlane Golf Resort in Wadsworth. March panelists include Lake County Board Chairman Suzi Schmidt, Marty Buehler from the Lake County Division of Transportation and Susan Zingle of the Lake County Conservation Alliance.

The March 2 Lake County Power Breakfast is open to the public beginning at 7:30 a.m. For reservations, contact Midlane Golf Resort at 847-360-0550.

Teacher mini-grants

Public school teachers in the northeast-

ern Lake County area are invited to apply for mini-grants of up to \$1,000 from the Ruth Hathorne Memorial Project. Now in its 14th year, the project originated by the Waukegan Area Association of University Women will award one or more grants totaling \$1,000 for creative proposals involving the teaching of international relations.

To be eligible, applicants must teach kindergarten through high school in the following communities: Waukegan, North Chicago, Zion, Winthrop Harbor, Green Oaks, Gurnee, Lake Villa, Lindenhurst, Millburn, Round Lake, Antioch, and Grayslake. Applications have been sent to schools in these areas and are also available from the project coordinator at 847-336-1795. They must be submitted by March 1. Proposals are evaluated on originality and creativity as well as potential impact on students.

Rummage sale donations

LaCASA (Lake County Council Against Sexual Assault) will begin accepting donations on Saturdays only from 9 a.m. to noon, beginning March 5. Items may be dropped off at the LaCASA/Zacharias Center located at 4275 Old Grand Ave. in Gurnee. The non-profit rape crisis center will accept furniture, new and gently used clothing, toys, games, books, housewares, small working appliances, lamps, sporting goods. Items LaCASA will NOT accept are computers, printers, fax machines, large appliances and medical equipment (wheelchairs, crutches, etc.). For details, please contact LaCASA's Rummage Sale Committee at 847-244-1187, Ext. 15.

Citizen's police academy

The Lake County Sheriff's Office is actively looking for participants for the Sheriff's Citizen Police Academy. The Sheriff's Office has recently graduated four classes from the academy and is scheduled to begin a fifth class in mid-March.

The thirty-hour block of instruction was developed to further enhance the lines of communication between the public and the Sheriff's Office. Participants are required to attend ten three-hour classes, which address a wide range of issues that local law enforcement encounters on a daily basis.

Academy applications can be picked up at the Sheriff's Office, at 25 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., Waukegan or downloaded at www.co.lake.il.us/sheriff. Deadline is March 7. Call Deputy Michael Gregory at 847-377-4211 for details.

Catholic Women's Club of Lake County

The Catholic Women's Club of Lake County will meet on March 10, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Dismas Church, 2600 Sunset Ave., Waukegan.

Rosary begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by a business meeting, program and social hour.

Terry Shebenik, a member of St. Dismas Parish, will speak on proper nutrition for better health. How nutrition helps us protect our immune system, our mental health, helps us keep our energy level high, and helps us control our weight. This topic is important for all of us.

The Ladies of Our Lady of Humility/Zion and St. Joseph/Libertyville, will be the hostesses.

Donation for White elephant table are always appreciated. For information, call Mary Alice at 847-249-1067 or Barb at 857-623-3263.

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BIG BUCKS

Antioch.

About \$20 of the \$42 million requested by Metra would go toward the north central line. The additional funds would double the amount of commuter trains that travel to and from the city everyday, Kirk said.

The additional lines could in turn make Metra more convenient and potentially get tens of thousands of people off the tollway, Kirk said.

Better access to the trains could also have a positive affect on property values, he added.

Other increases in the budget include fund-

ing to accelerate the creation of a new Navy/VA hospital in North Chicago and money to clean-up polluted harbors, like the one in Waukegan.

While not approved yet, Kirk said he is confident some of the projects will get an OK. The projects have received favorable recommendations from some of the senior Republicans in the House, and there is no significant Democratic dissent, he added.

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OBITUARIES

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Edward S. Wudarczyk

Age 67, a resident of Round Lake Beach passed away Wednesday Feb. 9, 2005. He was born in Chicago to the late Stanley and Mae Wudarczyk.

Edward is survived by his wife of 22 years Trudy Wudarczyk; his children Edward, Robert, Vicki, Yvonne, Dean, and Denise Wudarczyk; his step-children Jenny, Dawn, Deb, Rob, Steve, Sue, Sandy, and Scott Barron; his daughter Cassandra Wudarczyk; his 25 grandchildren; his siblings; and his aunt Sarah Alongi.

A funeral service was held on Feb. 15, at 11 a.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. Friends of the family visited on Feb. 14, from 4-8 p.m.

Angelo Jacob Tangonan

Infant son of Emmanuel and Audrey (nee Amponin) Tangonan of Vernon Hills, passed away Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005 at his home.

Also surviving are his sister, Adrianna and his grandparents, Arnulfo and Donna Amponin, Ernesto and Zenaida Tangonan, living in the Philippines.

Services were held at 1 p.m., Feb. 9 in the Chapel at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Neva J. Welter

Age 75, passed away Monday, Feb. 7, 2005 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington.

Surviving are three children, Tom (Noreen) Welter of Hawthorn Woods, Greg (Tamara) Welter of Elgin and Jackie (Charlie) Powers of Lake in the Hills; nine grandchildren; two brothers; three sisters and her dear friend and former husband, Tom Welter of Woodstock. She is preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Alda Eggleston and by a sister.

Funeral Service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave., (Route 176), Libertyville. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimers Assn. in her memory.

Ann Guimond (nee Nyquist)

Age 52 of Libertyville, passed away Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005 at her home.

Surviving are her husband Russ Guimond; a sister, Nancy Neary of Union, NJ; two brothers, C. Bruce Nyquist of Fullerton, Calif., Thomas O. Nyquist of Tampa, Fla. and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Carl E. and Mary Nyquist.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Evangelical Free Church, 431 W. Austin Ave., Libertyville. A memorial service will follow at 5:30 p.m., with a time of fellowship and dinner after the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 769,

Hillside, IL 60162. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Betty Lou Miller

Age 66 of Lake Villa, passed away Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at the Manorcare Health Services in Libertyville. She was born in Chicago, the daughter of the late Harry L. and Lucille G. (Ellsworth) Waldorf. On April 15, 1966 she married Elwood "Woody" Miller in Grayslake, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 1997.

Survivors include three daughters, Denise (Steven) McCollum of Lindenhurst, Dawn Davis of Lake Villa and Terry Beck of Highland, Tex.; one son, Joe (Ginny) Miller of Antioch; six grandchildren; and two sisters.

Funeral Service was held at 10 a.m., Feb. 18 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with the Rev. David Groleau of the Cross View Church of Antioch, officiating. Interment followed in Millburn Cemetery in Old Mill Creek. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Feb. 17.

Racheal Lois Royce

Age 78 of Lindenhurst, passed away Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at her home. She was born in Kanapolis, NC., the daughter of the late Clarence B. and Nancy Myomer (Rary) Cline. She was a member of the Fleet Reserve Auxiliary of Branch 53 in Waukegan, and a volunteer at the VA Hospital in North Chicago. On June 6, 1950, she married Dewey Lilburn Royce in Princess Anne County, Va. and he preceded her in death Dec. 18, 2004.

Survivors include her granddaughter Racheal (Lawrence) Gillison of Lindenhurst; her great-grandson, Tyler Royce Gillison and a brother. In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by a brother.

Funeral Services were held at 7 p.m., Feb. 17 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with the Rev. Lisle J. Kauffman of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Round Lake and the VFW Auxiliary of Post 4308 officiating. Visitation began at 4 p.m. Private interment was in Ft. Sheridan Cemetery.

Vivian F. Kramer

Age 81 of McHenry, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at her home. She began working for the family business, Kramer Boat Company, which later relocated as Kramer Marina in Fox Lake.

Survivors include a son, Vernon "Vern" (Diane) Kramer of Spring Grove; and a grandson, Case Kramer. She is preceded in death by her husband, Vernon "Skip" Kramer on Feb. 25, 1993; and two brothers.

The Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Feb. 15 at the George R. Justen & Son Funeral Home in McHenry. The Funeral Service was at 11 a.m., Feb. 16 at the funeral home, with the Rev. Roger Olson

officiating. Interment was in Woodland Cemetery in McHenry. Memorials to the Juvenile Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association would be appreciated by the family.

Katherine S. 'Katie' Kraus (nee Lange)

Age 52 of Hawthorn Woods, passed away Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005 at the Hospice of the North Shore in Skokie. Katie enjoyed flying and was a private multi-engine instrument rated pilot and an executive at Meisner Aircraft in Burlington, Wis. She helped found the Circle of Change, a program of therapy dogs.

Surviving are her husband Robert Kraus; two sisters, Donna Simonis of Milwaukee, Wis. and Susan Eberhart of Nashville, Tenn.; her brother, Cameron (Michelle) Irons of Fullerton, Calif.; her father, Frank (Janet) Irons of Nakomis, Fla.; an uncle; nieces, nephews and a great niece. She is preceded in death by her mother, Nancy Lange in 1986.

Funeral Service was held at noon, Feb. 17 at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville with The Rev. Jeddiah D. Holdorff II, officiating. Following her services and cremation, she will be placed to rest in the Urn Garden at St. Lawrence Church this Easter. Visitation was from 3-9 p.m., Feb. 16 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to either the Youth Ministry of St. Lawrence church of the Circle of Change, 3822 Pann Rd., South Beloit, IL 61080.

Julia C. Yugovich

Age 83 of Gurnee, has passed away. Beloved wife of the late Michael J.; cherished mother of Michael M. (Inge); loving grandmother of Nicole and Michael; sister of Mary "May" McNeirey and Muriel "Mickey" Bachiller.

Private family funeral service was held. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Funeral arrangements were handled by Ringa Funeral Home of Lake Villa.

Sherry L. Olson

Age 56 of Antioch, passed away Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at St. Therese Medical Center in Waukegan. She was born in Dixon, the daughter of the late Monroe and Evelyn (Olsen) McDowell. On Dec. 19, 1985, she married Elmer J. Olson in Waukegan.

Survivors include her husband, Elmer; two daughters, Kim Mielke of Ingleside, Samantha Walker of Lake Villa; one son, Roger (Ginny) Scott of DeKalb; five step-daughters, Tina Olson of Burlington, Wis., Sandra Olson of Lake Geneva, Wis., Pam (Bob) Jones of Mankato, Minn., Beth (Tom) Didler of Des Plaines and Annette (Bruce) Giessman of New York; one stepson, Allen (Cheryl) Olson of Burlington, Wis.; 29 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by a sister.

dren; and two sisters. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by a stepson, Elmer Olson Jr.; a brother and a sister.

Funeral Service was held at 10 a.m., Feb. 17 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Friends called from 4-8 p.m., Feb. 16 at the funeral home. Those desiring may make donations to: Vista Star Hospice or the American Cancer Society, or the Antioch Rescue Squad in her memory.

Karen E. Bickie

Age 57 of Antioch, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 at Hines Hospital in Maywood. She was born in Racine, Wis., the daughter of the late Calvin R. and Margaret Louise (Sell) Bickie. She served in the U.S. Army as a Specialist 4.

Survivors include her son, David R. Bickie of Zion; two sisters; three brothers; several nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral Service was held at 2 p.m., Feb. 15 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with visitation beginning at 11 a.m. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch.

Margaret M. Weeks

Age 77 of Antioch, passed away Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005 in Vista Star Hospice at St. Therese Medical Center in Waukegan. She was born in Bay Minette, Ala., the daughter of the late Ubie and Eleanor (Prime) Nolan.

Survivors include her four children, Beverly Turzy of Antioch, George (Wanda) Weeks of Kenosha, Wis., Robert (Barbara) Weeks and Cynthia Weeks both of Pell Lake, Wis.; four brothers; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a brother.

Memorial Funeral Service was held at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 14 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with visitation beginning at 5 p.m., Friends desiring may make contributions to the American Lung Association in her memory.

Walter Leroy 'Lee' Neveu

Age 81, a resident of Fox Lake, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005 at home. He was born in Oak Park to George and Mary (nee Buis) Neveu.

Survivors include, his wife, Virginia "Ginger" (nee Allen) Neveu of Fox Lake with whom he was united with in marriage on July 23, 1987 at the First Baptist Church in Bloomingdale; his children, Cyndi (Duane) Amundson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Paul (Sue) Neveu of Springdale, Ark., Kathy (Greg) Rogers of Hanover Park, Valerie Beilmann of Chicago and Robert (Roberta) Beilmann of Elgin; step-children, Greg (Kathy) Rogers of Hanover Park, Jackie Manley

of Elgin; many grandchildren; step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren and great-step-grandchildren; and one brother. He is preceded in death by his parents; his second wife, Patricia (nee Fleming); and by a step-daughter, Victoria Walker.

Visitation was on Feb. 15 from 4-6 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake). Funeral Service was conducted at 6 p.m., Feb. 15 with Pastor Roger Blanchard officiating. Burial took place privately on Feb. 16 at the Chapel Hill West Cemetery in Oakbrook Terrace. Memorials for the American Cancer Society, 100 Tri-State International 125, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 will be appreciated by the family in lieu of flowers.

John Allen Seybold

Age 81 of Round Lake, died Feb. 10, 2005 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in North Chicago. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio to Alexander and Ann (Cochran) Seybold. He was a Captain in the Army Air Corp. during WWII. He is also served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Survivors include two children, Brian (Barbara) Dell of Round Lake Beach and April (Rob) Mata of Lincolnshire; and five grandchildren.

Services were handled by the Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home. Interment was in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Mary Jane Giles-Nadeau

Age 87 of Trevor, Wis., passed away Monday Feb. 7, 2005 at his home. He was born in Chicago, the son of the late Louis and Anastasia (Bank) Nicpon, moving to Wisconsin in 1953. As an avid sportsman he loved golf, bowling, racket ball and baseball. On May 25, 1940 he married Evelyn Girsch in Chicago.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 65 years, Evelyn; a daughter Nancy Nicpon of Trevor, Wis.; three grandchildren, Leanne (Jim) Ahler, Chad (Jennifer) Nicpon and Heather Nicpon; his daughter-in-law Denise Nicpon and eight great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Nicpon in 1999, four sisters, and a brother.

Funeral Services were held at 10 a.m., Feb. 10, at the Strang Funeral Home, 1055 Main St. (Route 83) Antioch, with burial in Wilmot Cemetery, Wilmot, Wis. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Feb. 10.

Rufus Brown

Age 32 of Elgin, passed away suddenly, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at the University of Illinois, Chicago Hospital. He was a very creative and talented musician and composer, especially enjoying classical guitar and piano.

Surviving are his wife, Jennifer (nee Ruder) Brown and daughters, Hanna, age 7, and Mia, age 4, all of Elgin; his parents, Dr. Cecil and Pamela Brown of Pensacola, Fla.; his sister; his brother; grandparents; mother-in-law, Frank and Kathy Ruder of Vernon Hills; and many other relatives and friends.

A Funeral Service was held at noon, Feb. 11 at St. Mary of Vernon Church in Indian Creek. Visitation and luncheon followed the service at the church with interment following the luncheon at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rufus S. Brown Memorial, c/o Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048.

Winter Faith Griffin Ranger Andrew Griffin

Beloved infant twins, passed away Feb. 8, 2005 at Evanston Hospital, after a valiant battle.

Those left to cherish their memory include their parents, Lisa and Donald Griffin of Waukegan; grandparents, Ann and Percy Payne of North Chicago, Betty McKenny of Carol Stream; great-grandmother, Grace Cody of Itasca and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Winter and Ranger were preceded in death by their twin sisters in infancy, Chloe and Summer; one brother in infancy, Christian; and their great-grandfather, Eugene Cody.

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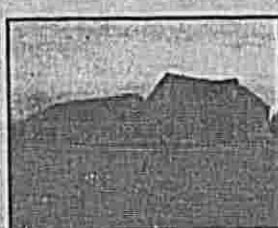
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Trigg sets foot on new turf Waukegan's Superintendent of Parks is tops in his field

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

After a decade of service to local parks, Mike Trigg is stepping onto new yet familiar turf.

The Waukegan Park District Superintendent of Parks has been appointed to president of the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA). He will serve a two-year term for the organization, which boasts more 2,500 professional members, including sports turf managers and maintenance workers contracted by professional sports teams and universities, and businesses and educators.

Trigg said he is proud to be associated with other STMA representatives, having been an organization member since 1990. "I'm very honored to be a president and part of this program," Trigg said on Tuesday. "All members are dedicated to promoting this association and seeing it grow."

"It's not only professional, but personal. I've made some lifelong friends that I've met through the association."

For his Waukegan parks position, Trigg is responsible for maintenance of all grounds and properties of the district park sites, as well as athletic field maintenance of park district and

school district ball diamonds and soccer fields. He believes that his work in Lake County, and past service as Illinois chapter president, led to STMA representatives granting him the presidency.

He remains proud of the local work that helped win him a national position, and looks forward to the challenge of managing 20 additional fields if a lakefront sports complex is built. "(Waukegan residents) are going to be able to play on fields that are maintained and safe to play on, and strive hard for that each year."

His work will involve promoting the company and its members' professions, which include selling trade materials and caring for natural grass, artificial turf and other surfaces used in outdoor playing fields. Trigg will work to increase STMA's membership and make sure that the organization's annual conference serves its members' needs.

Local park and school districts may benefit from his new position, as Trigg plans to take advantage of the new networking opportunities afforded him. "You know you can call a fellow member and they're always willing to help out in any way."

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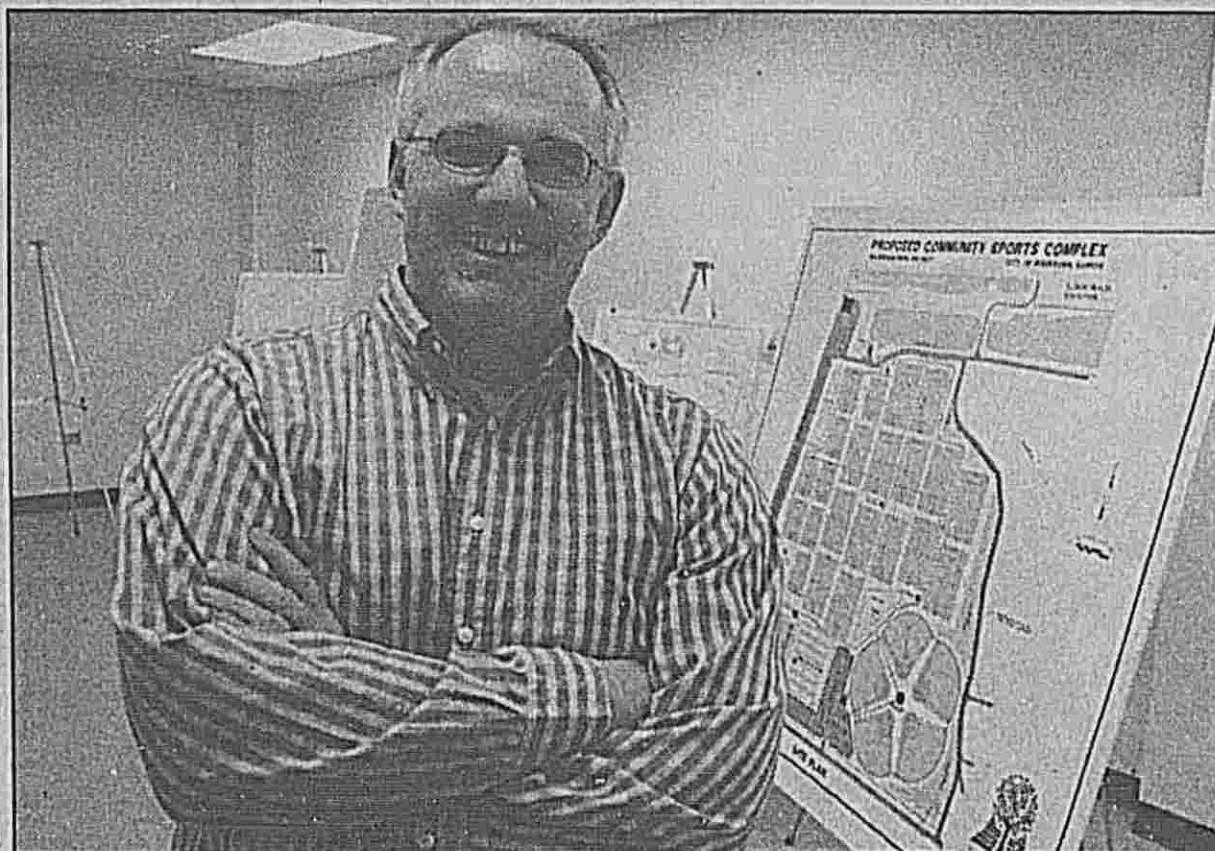


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Waukegan Park District Superintendent Mike Trigg has been named president of the Sports Turf Managers Association.

Consumers to host 75th anniversary

Consumers Cooperative Credit Union will host its 75th anniversary Annual Meeting and 2005 Board of Directors election on March 9, at Midlane Golf Resort, in Wadsworth. Eight nominees responded to the call to run for the Board, with four positions at stake.

"This is a special year for CCCU because it is our 75th anniversary," said Sean Rathjen, CCCU president. "We can expect continued success in the future, thanks to the active role members play in the credit union. Their belief in the credit union movement is reflected by the high number of members running for the board of directors."

The credit union expects approximately 350 members for the annual meeting, in part because CCCU is celebrating its 75th year of serving area communities.

The following members were recommended

by the 2005 nominating committee to run for election to CCCU's board (incumbents are designated with an "I"). Alice Clements, Buffalo Grove; Cynthia E. Lee, Grayslake(I); Eric Pace, Grayslake; Brandon Rohrdanz, Gurnee; Dr. John Schwab, Waukegan(I); Edwin B. Seidman, Deerfield; Mary Turley, Gurnee; Denise Twardy Charts, Libertyville.

Tickets for the dinner are available for \$15 on a first-come, first served basis at all credit union offices. The evening also includes a business meeting that will update members on the credit union's financial outcomes for 2004. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m. in the Chandler Room at Midlane, 14565 Yorkhouse Road in Wadsworth.

For more information, contact Judy Dziedzic, Marketing Coordinator, at 847-265-8841.

FASTTRACK

Kreuser and Seiler sales up

Libertyville based CENTURY 21 Kreuser and Seiler reported a record sales volume increase of 33 percent for 2004 over 2003, the highest annual increase the company has reported since 2000, according to Tom Kreuser, co-owner. Unit sales for the company were up 15 percent in 2004, and new listings taken rose 16 percent.

Kreuser attributed the healthy showing to an increase in corporate transferee business (in which the firm specializes), attractive interest rates, and an increasingly productive full-time sales staff.

CENTURY 21 Kreuser and Seiler is owned by Libertyville residents Tom Kreuser and M.J. Seiler. The firm's 44 agents help people buy and sell new and existing homes throughout Lake County.

Working World celebrates 25 years

Working World Staffing Services is celebrating its 25th year of business and service to Lake and McHenry counties this year.

Twenty-five years ago Working World Staffing Services started out with a "database" of applicants whose names and skills were recorded on index cards in a recipe box. Their database of applicants and clients

today is on a specialized computer program which is networked between their two offices. The home office is located at 14 N. Walkup Ave. in downtown Crystal Lake, while the second office is located in downtown Fox Lake at 29 N. Grand Ave.

Today's staff of eleven assists applicants from the entire McHenry and Lake County area in finding employment opportunities for office or industrial positions. Being McHenry County's first locally owned temporary employment agency has always been a point of pride for Working World.

Evanston Northwestern opens

This month, associates for Family Health in Gurnee will join the Evanston Northwestern Healthcare (ENH) Medical Group. The new group, along with 15 other offices affiliated with ENH in Lake County, brings the resources of this nationally ranked healthcare system to Lake County residents. The new group will be renamed ENH Medical Group—Gurnee Primary Care.

Collectively, Drs. Soo, Nikitas and Olinger have practiced in the Gurnee area for more than 20 years, focusing on family medicine and providing primary care services for adults, children and seniors. Their practice offers weekend and walk-in hours and includes x-ray and lab services.

ENH Medical Group—Gurnee Primary Care is located at 103 S. Greenleaf, Suite J, in Gurnee. To contact the medical office, call (847) 599-8899 for more information.

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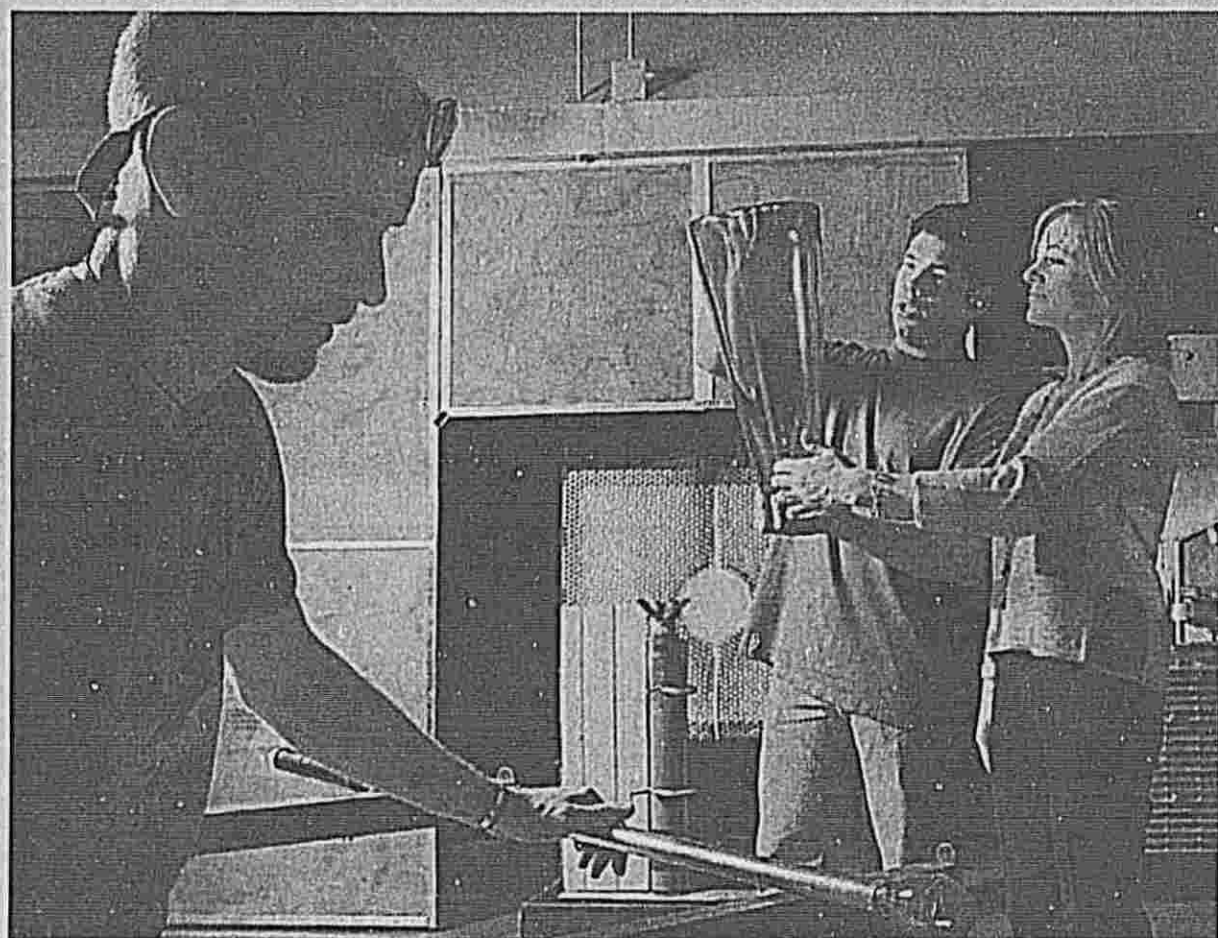
Quality Insulation, 520 Linden Dr., Round Lake, 847-740-3631. Owner: Martin Hurtado. Purpose: Insulation

Terrabyte Computer Services, 393 Center St., Grayslake, 847-902-5780. Owner: Randolph E. Wright. Purpose: Computer Repair

Scapes and Scrapes, 2415 Lotus Dr., Round Lake Heights, 847-740-8169. Owner: Kathrine McGovern. Purpose: Landscape design and installation assistance

Printworks Design, 27992 W. Route 120, Unit 60, Lakemoor, 815-587-1051. Owner: Phil, Brenda Montgomery. Purpose: Vehicle graphics, signs, T-shirt apparel printing.

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ON THE MOVE

Stackhouse awarded credential

Julie Stackhouse of First Steps Nursery School has been awarded a Child Development Associate Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, DC, which represents the early childhood profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve childcare by evaluation and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. The First Credential was awarded 25 years ago, and now 46 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their childcare licensing regulations.

Waukegan Savings hires officers

To serve the growing need for residential financing in the Lake County area, Waukegan Savings has added three Mortgage Loan Officers to their staff: **Casherral Williams**, **Frank Cardenas** and **Brenda Sefton**.

Casherral has over 10 years of experience in lending and served as a Loan Underwriter in her previous position with CIB Bank. She is a graduate of SIU and has lived in Waukegan for the past 14 years. She is married and the mother of three children, one boy and two girls. Casherral will work out of the Main Office, 1324 Golf Road, Waukegan.

Frank is a very knowledgeable sales person and a graduate of Zion-Benton High School. He has experience helping the Hispanic community with financial matters and is currently pursuing a Series 6 license. He lives in Zion and is the father of one son. Previously, he was a Loan Officer with RBC Mortgage. Frank is bilingual Spanish and he will work out of the South Office located at 900 Tenth Street, Waukegan.

Brenda has over 15 years of banking experience and served as a Loan Officer at Heritage Bank in Denver, Colo. She graduated from Zion-Benton High School and has recently returned to the area. She currently lives in Grayslake with her husband, Adam. Brenda will be working out of the new west office location, 1075 N. Green Bay Road, Waukegan.

New partner, staff member

The University of Illinois Lake County Extension is excited to announce a new partnership. Discover Financial Services, headquartered in Lake County, has generously made a donation to Lake County Extension as part of the company's community outreach efforts. Discover Financial Services is committed to doing the right thing for children, their families and the local community at large. The



Brenda Sefton



Frank Cardenas

donation allows Extension to hire a community worker, Michela Moore, who will present 4-H life skills curriculum in four after school sites.

Michela currently lives in Waukegan, however she began her 4-H experience while living with her grandmother in Mississippi. From the time that she was old enough, Michela participated as a 4-H member and achieved local and state awards. She believes strongly in the 4-H philosophy of community and desires to provide opportunities for youth to learn and excel. Michela has now come full circle. She once received leadership and guidance from her 4-H leader and now she is giving back to youth. She brings great enthusiasm and energy to this challenging position. Michela also brings the belief and determination that caring adults make a difference in the lives of youth.

Agent Huxhold joins Allstate

Allstate exclusive agent John Huxhold has opened an insurance office at 21198 Commercial Drive in Mundelein. Huxhold is delighted to offer Allstate's products and services to residents of Mundelein and the surrounding communities.

Huxhold is excited about his new affiliation with the Allstate Insurance Company. "I was impressed with Allstate's business model which gives customers 24 hour access to our products and services, the opportunity to serve my customers' insurance needs with an excellent line of products, and the fine reputation of the company."

\$7M in sales his first year

Mike Marling joined the firm of Marling Management Inc. in January of 2004 to increase sales and leasing in their commercial brokerage department. Mike closed 20 transactions in his first year on the job. The deals ranged from a 2 year, \$30,000 lease of an industrial space in Gurnee to a \$4,040,000 shopping center sale in Grayslake.

He also sold a 11 unit apartment building and a duplex in Antioch, a 10,000 square foot industrial building in Waukegan. Leases included the Dairy Dream building in Libertyville, and several smaller industrial units in Waukegan and Gurnee.

IRAs: Uncle Sam's gift to taxpayers

By Mary Erl

Special to Lakeland Newspapers

Kathy & Tom decided they wanted to start saving for their retirement savings. They were aware of the benefits of a traditional IRA – pre-tax dollars go into the IRA and grow tax-deferred, and wanted to open up an IRA.

How much difference does tax-deferral really make? The difference could be thousands, or tens of thousands, of dollars, with the greatest benefits to those that start early and invest regularly. Note this is for illustrative purposes only – your mileage may vary.

Saving \$6,000 per year in a taxable account, for 30 years would accumulate to \$480,978, assuming a 28 percent tax bracket and a constant 8 percent rate of return. In theory, Kathy & Tom could then withdraw over \$27,700 annually without depleting the principle, thanks to the effect of compounding.

OK, what happens if Kathy and Tom save the same \$6,000 (per married couple, in this example) in a tax-deferred account for each spouse, like traditional IRAs (\$3,000 each)? With IRAs, that \$6,000 would grow to \$734,075! That's over \$253,000 more than with the taxable account. And annual withdrawals would be about \$42,300 without touching the principle.

Traditional IRAs are called tax-deferred for a very good reason. The money that has been accumulating may be withdrawn starting between the ages 59-79 without penalty.

Withdrawals must begin by April 1 of the year after you turn 70. As the funds are withdrawn, they are taxed as ordinary income.

The idea behind this is that the money can grow more quickly when you're not paying taxes on it, providing you with a cushion against eroding social security and pensions. This allows you to accumulate more dollars and then pay taxes when you retire, theoretically in a lower tax bracket. Tax-deferral is a very good way to save for retirement.

Roth IRAs have been around for about 5 years and this is a different approach to saving for retirement because the money that goes into the Roth IRA accounts is after-tax money. Once in the accounts, the money grows tax-free. Yes, tax-free, not deferred.

There is no IRA deduction available for a Roth IRA as there is for many people with traditional IRAs.

The benefits of tax-free growth surface when the withdrawals begin. While the amount accumulated would be the same as in traditional IRAs, taxes are not due on the Roth IRA funds.

This translates into about \$16,400 more in annual income for Kathy and Tom, \$58,726, than a traditional IRA. Thank you Uncle Sam!

This paper does not endorse or recommend any particular investment vehicle for any individual. Mary Erl is president of NestEgg Financial Advisors, 5465 Grand Ave., Suite 100, in Gurnee. Contact her at 847-855-4483 or visit www.NestEggFinancialAdvisors.com.

Playing by the numbers: Know and understand your credit score

You probably know that if your vision is 20/20, that's good, and that a cholesterol level over 200 is bad; but do you know your credit score and what it means?

If not, you're not alone. A recent survey conducted by the Consumer Federation of America (CFA) and Providian Financial found that almost half of Americans never have obtained their credit score. Only about a third of consumers understand that credit scores measure the risk of not repaying a loan. Only 10 percent of consumers knew what constituted a good or bad score.

"This lack of knowledge is troubling because a credit score can affect your life in important ways," says Stephen Brobeck, CFA executive director. Lenders may use your score to decide if you're a good risk for a mortgage, car loan or credit card; landlords and cell phone companies may use it to decide whether you're a good bet as a tenant or customer. If you get credit, your score may determine the rate.

According to the Web site myFICO.com, on a \$150,000, 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage, with a FICO score of 500 to 559, you could qualify for an interest rate of 9.29 percent, at a monthly payment of \$1,238. Score above 700 and you'd pay 5.79 percent, \$879 monthly. That's a savings of \$359 a month—more than \$4,000 a year.

Educating yourself about credit scores is an important step toward managing your financial future. Here's what you need to know:

A credit score is a snapshot of your credit risk at a particular time. It measures how likely you are to repay a loan. The most widely used credit scores are FICO scores, named for Fair Isaac Company, which invented them. FICO scores range from a low of about 300 to a high of 850. Most people are between 620 and 780.

Payment history: Having paid past credit accounts on time indicates you're more likely to do so in the future.

Amount of debt: Having credit accounts and owing money on them is not necessarily

bad but owing a lot of money on many accounts may indicate a person is overextended and a poor risk.

Credit history: An established credit history will boost your score. Establish a credit history by opening a credit account in your own name and using it responsibly.

New debt: Shopping for the best products and terms is common but opening several new accounts in a short time may indicate greater risk, especially if you don't have an established credit history.

A healthy mix: Most people who are financially established have a mix of credit accounts, from retail accounts to installment loans to mortgage loans.

Many banks, financial services Web sites and credit-reporting agencies offer FICO score delivery services for a fee. Top-ten credit card issuer Providian (www.providian.com) gives all cardholders free access to their credit score each month. Chris Lewis, executive vice president of Public Policy for Providian, explained, "Many people don't understand that they create their credit score, based on their credit behavior. Learning your score is the first step toward making it better."

Even if you've had trouble in the past, you can improve your credit score through a few simple steps:

- Pay your bills regularly and on time. If you missed payments, get current and stay there.
- Keep balances comfortably below your credit limit.
- Don't open accounts you don't need.
- If you have trouble making ends meet, contact your creditors or see a legitimate credit counselor. Don't wait until it's too late.
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Breast Cancer Support Group

For breast cancer patients and their loved ones. Meetings will resume in early 2004. For more information, call 847-535-6198.

CONDELL HEALTH NETWORK

Condell Acute Care Centers Offer Coronary Risk Profile in February

Condell Acute Care Centers are offering a coronary risk screening special Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 am to noon, during February. The fee is \$25, which includes a blood draw to test for cholesterol (LDL and HDL) and triglycerides. The test requires fasting eight to 12 hours in advance. Cash, check or credit card payments are accepted. Insurance will not be billed.

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Condell continues Building Blocks series

Condell Day Center's Building B.L.O.C.K.S. (Building Learning Opportunities for Caregivers and Kids) series, continues its educational series with new sessions for parents and their children ages one to three years old. Sessions in the Building B.L.O.C.K.S. series will meet from 10-11 am Wednesdays at the Condell Day Center, located on Condell Medical Center's campus, 700 Garfield Ave., Libertyville. The cost per session is \$35 per family. Early registration is suggested, but not required. Please call 847-990-5800 for further information or to register.

Building Blocks sessions and topics:

April 6 - May 4, 2005: Eric Carle (Discuss the many children's books by this renowned illustrator and author, including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.)

May 18 - June 15, 2005: Bugs and Butterflies

HOSPICE OF NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS

Grief Groups & Workshops Offered

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois is offering a variety of age-appropriate grief support groups in Barrington, Palatine and McHenry. All groups are open to community and hospice families who are grieving the death of a loved one, either through illness or sudden death. Registration fee is \$10 or Hospice of Northeastern Illinois families are free.

Adult Loss of a Parent, a support group for people who are grieving the loss of a parent, will meet on Monday, February 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Ave., Barrington.



PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

Hi Dr. Singer,

We are having a problem with a teacher and we were wanting to get your opinion on this. Our son is 7 and his teacher seems to have really singled him out. She is far more likely to have a problem with him than other kids. We know this because we have talked to our friends who have kids in the same class and this has not been their experience with their child. We are very angry about it and want it to stop happening. We know our child can be a handful, but we think she should be responding evenly among the kids. G.L.

Hi G.L.,

I hope you're not insisting on a quota system for teacher responses to behavior. Even responses among kids is not always possible or appropriate in a classroom situation. Especially if there are 1 or 2 kids who are acting out more than anyone else. Since we truly do not know exactly what your child's behavior has been in the classroom, it becomes very difficult to level accusations at either teacher or child. You did mention that your child can be a handful at home. In my experience, many times, if they are acting that way at home, it is very likely that they are also doing it at school too.

The only true way to find out what is really occurring in the classroom is to do both observations and interviewing of others. An observation needs to be done by a neutral person and needs to be as unobtrusive to the classroom as possible. Since most classrooms

do not have observation rooms attached, the observer will probably need to be either in the room or in the doorway. While the doorway sounds tough, I have actually done many doorway classroom observations without ever having been noticed. Usually this is done before the child has ever seen me, so even if he or she sees me there, they still don't know who I am there to watch and why. Usually parents will give me a picture ahead of time so I know who I am looking for. I have also gotten away with doing many in-room observations. I am not introduced. I usually get there late so I can get seated quietly after class has gotten started and after a few minutes, the kids and teachers forget I am there. So, this kind of thing can and does work.

The other thing I think needs to be done is interviewing other kids in the class. Kids are tremendously honest. I would, however, recommend that the interviews take place at a time when your child has not just gotten in trouble in front of the class. This will color everyone's views and reports. Questions should be asked at a neutral time such as recess. This does not require a long line of questions or interrogation. It simply requires a couple questions about the child's behavior and the teacher's behavior. A pattern will usually emerge after talking with only a few kids. The interviews coupled with the observation should give you enough information to get to the bottom of what is really occurring. With good information, you can begin to work on getting to the resolution of the problem.

This needs to not be presented as a way to 'catch' the teacher doing things. The purpose of this type of observation and interview would be to get a good reading on how these interactions are getting started and how they are getting resolved or not getting resolved.

Unfortunately, many times, it is easy for people to jump to conclusions about where the problem is and what to do about it, when in reality, it was the exact opposite and they just didn't do enough research before reacting.

I spend most of my time talking to people about how to increase good discipline and structure and to not allow coddling of bad behavior. This teacher sounds like she may be trying to do just that, so I cannot be too quick to judge this without a lot of other information. If after that information has been gotten, you find it to be the teacher reacting too harshly or quickly, you need to get together with her and the school and work together to find a workable plan for everyone. If after that information has been gotten, it is discovered that your little handful at home is also a handful at school, I would suggest that you allow the teacher to do some good discipline with your child and I would also further suggest that you get in and learn some discipline techniques as well so you can help the behavior get better and avoid this whole problem.

Dr. Sherri Singer is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Childhood Behavior Specialist. She regularly works in person with many readers of this column, helping them to improve their kid's attention, behavior, homework skills, processing skills and self-esteem. Dr. Singer's Attention, Behavior and Learning Success Program has promoted behavior and attention improvement both at home and school. To give your child better skills, please call 847-231-5644 or 708-962-2549.

Teach children proper handwashing

With the cold and flu season still here, one of the most vulnerable populations are young children attending schools and day-care. To keep kids healthy, handwashing continues to be one of the most simple, yet effective ways to fight disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The main way that illnesses like colds and flu are spread is from person-to-person in respiratory droplets of coughs or sneezes, called "droplet spread." This can happen when droplets from a cough or sneeze of an infected person move through the air and come in contact with the mouth or nose of people nearby, or when germs land on shared items such as toys, desks and doorknobs. If a person fails to wash their hands after touching these surfaces, they can become vulnerable if they touch their eyes, mouth or nose.

To help kids protect themselves, kids and their parents can now benefit by getting help from The Scrub Club, an animated Web site (www.scrubclub.org) developed by the not-for-profit NSF International.

The Scrub Club Web site features seven "soaper-hero" kids — "Hot Shot," "Chill," "Squeaks," "Taki," "Scruff," "Tank" and "PT" — that transform to represent each of the six steps to proper handwashing.

Step 1: Wash with warm water. "Hot Shot" and "Chill" turn into hot and cold faucets and then combine to make the warm water essential for proper handwashing.

Step 2: Apply soap — bar or pump are both fine. "Squeaks" can transform into various forms of soap, from bars of all sizes to pumps of all kinds.

Step 3: Wash for a full 20 seconds, rubbing hands together to lather soap. "Taki" becomes a clock that counts down the required 20 seconds for thorough handwashing.

Step 4: Clean around your fingernails, using a nail brush if you have one. "Scruff" reminds kids that hands aren't clean until the nails are clean.

Step 5: Rinse away soap with warm water. "Tank" turns into a sink and serves as a reminder to rinse away germs.

Step 6: Dry with paper towels or warm air dryer. "PT" transforms herself into paper towels.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



KARA
MING

GRAYSLAKE

With Grayslake needing a big performance to keep its season alive against a hungry Waukegan team, sophomore sensation Kara Ming came through with 31 points, including 11 of 12 at the foul line, as the Rams defeated the Bulldogs in the Warren Regional opener.



JEFF
KESKE

LIBERTYVILLE

Two-time state wrestling qualifier Jeff Keske made it a three-peat last Saturday, winning the 140-pound title at the Barrington Sectional. Keske, 38-1, has a first-round bye in the upcoming state tournament, to be held this weekend at the University of Illinois.

GAME OF THE WEEK



at



BOYS' BASKETBALL

Warren thought it had the NSC Lake division title all but sewn up after beating Stevenson at home last month, but Lake Forest had other ideas, handing the Devils their first Lake loss last Friday. This sets up a rematch between the Pats and Devils, with the division title on the line.

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Lakeland Newspapers Sports Editor
Rob Backus's rankings of area high school teams

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Running with the Devils

Warren's hoops team may be county's best shot for state title



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Warren Township High School varsity basketball players, clockwise from bottom left, Ceola Clark, Jordan Dalton, Marcus Lewis, Mitchell Moore and Marvin Bemby are looking to lead the No. 1 seeded Blue Devils deep into the postseason.

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

Play hard. Play smart. Play together.

Sure, it sounds simple enough. But in an era where NBA players like Allen Iverson and Kobe Bryant are making millions of dollars by showcasing one-on-one highlights on SportsCenter every night, the prospect becomes a little more daunting.

Still, Warren boys basketball coach Chuck Ramsey is a big believer in the mantra. After all, his teams have put those words on the back of their T-shirts for the last six years. But Ramsey knows the more talented the players, the harder it is to get them to buy into the team concept.

"There's a constant battle between team and individual and style vs. substance," Ramsey said. "I'll take team and substance every time. And when guys aren't focused on that, it hurts the team."

Ramsey is talking about his team's occasional tendency to lapse into trying to play street-ball instead of team ball, as they did last Friday in a shocking home loss to Lake Forest.

Although the team's lapses have been few and far between, it appears the Devils have reached a crossroads.

"We're in a situation right now where we have to decide who we're going to put first, team or individual," Ramsey said.

While that seems like an easy decision, remember that, unlike most of the state's top teams, Warren is dominated by a bunch of 15- and 16-year-olds, each of whom is constantly hearing how good he is.

'I just want guys to follow our motto, and if we do that everything will take care of itself.'

Chuck Ramsey
Warren boys'
basketball coach

With that in mind, Ramsey has enrolled in the Scott Skiles School of Sports Psychology.

"I'm all about tough love," Ramsey said. "I'm not going to spend time telling them how good they are. No matter how good you are, there's always someone on the other side of the hill working hard and looking to beat you."

Ramsey should know. Six years ago, his team was the one on the other side of the hill. While not possessing any overwhelming talent, the 1999 Blue Devils played the role of underdog to perfection, riding a fluid

motion offense and a smothering defense to a second-place finish in the state, knocking off the Brian Cook-led Lincoln Railsplitters along the way.

And comparisons between this year's team and that '99 team are inevitable, even though Ramsey doesn't really see it.

"Both of the teams play really good defense," Ramsey said. "But the '99 team was much tougher and we had more depth. That team was also made up of guys who wanted to play ball for Warren, not themselves."

It has gotten to the point where Ramsey is so eager to drive his point home that he is considering showing game film of the '99 team to his players to illustrate what team ball is all about.

"I'm just trying to work with them to show them the correct way to play, and hopefully they buy into it," Ramsey said.

The players appear to be starting to buy into Ramsey's plan.

"We have to listen to Ramsey, he's a genius," junior forward Mitchell Moore said. "He's like the Coach K (Duke's Mike Krzyzewski) of high school basketball."

Heck, junior guard Marvin Bemby even repeated the team's motto when asked what the team needs to do to be successful.

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ON THE SIDELINES



Dan Patrick • Sports Reporter

Reporter's 'Roid Rage

I've decided I'm going to take steroids, I'm going to get more juiced than an Orange Julius stand. That's right, I'm going to take some muscle-building, pimple-giving, leg-shrinking, Major League Baseball superstar-creating steroids and I'm going to like it.

The injection wasn't so bad, but I am feeling a little angrier than normal, maybe it'll help if I get some things off of my chest. You know what, I hate self-serving journalists who are willing to profit on juiced baseball players who break records and then proceed to bash those same superstars when public opinion turns against them.

During the fabled 1998 home run race between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, ESPN and every other professional sports news source profited just as much as Major League Baseball and its behemoth sluggers.

On a recent episode of ESPN's Cold Pizza, analyst Woody Paige quipped, "Maybe we as journalists should have looked closer." Of course, this is a groundbreaking journalistic revelation on par with "Gravity makes things fall."

Maybe it's the steroids talking, but it drives me absolutely insane when obviously intelligent journalists act so surprised when a revelation so elementary comes to light. Of course, now that the floodgates have been opened, we'll give Jose Canseco and every other big leaguer with needles hanging out of their butts all the face time they need. Because once again, it's now about as profitable and brings in viewers just like the home run race once did.

Nothing against Woody or ESPN in general, but we as journalists are paid to look deeper and ask tough questions, even to the athletes we adore. Frankly, to have the Mark McGwires, Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi of the world pulsate and exponentially grow right before our eyes was a blatantly obvious news story that needed to be explored. The hypocrisy of some of my comrades is so stagger-

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DEVILS

Even though Ramsey still gets frustrated with the occasional lapses, he does acknowledge the tremendous talent this team possesses.

"We have a lot of good balance, quickness and depth," Ramsey said. "And the guys are all very versatile."

And it all starts with the dynamic duo of Lewis and Bemby. The two lead the team in scoring, although they do it in entirely different ways.

"Marcus moves really well without the ball, plus he can pound the ball inside when he needs to," Ramsey said of Lewis, who leads the team at 16 points per game. "And Marvin has a good shot, and when he picks his spots he can go to the basket well."

For any team to be successful, they need someone to do the dirty work and that's where Moore comes in.

"I try to do a lot of the little things," Moore said. "I grab rebounds and I set a lot of screens to get Marcus and Marvin open."

Playing the role of floor general is diminutive 5-7 junior point guard Jordan Dalton. Although he's only averaging 4.4 points per game, he's the one who makes the offense click.

"Jordan's a great student of the game," Lewis said. "He runs the offense and tells us where to be on the floor."

Dalton is also the team's best ball handler and typically makes two or three spectacular plays per game.

"Sometimes catching a pass from him is harder than catching one from (Warren quarterback) Garren Zerfass," said Lewis, who also plays tight end for the football team.

Sophomore guard Ceola Clark perfectly illustrates Warren's versatility. He can score, defend, pass and rebound.

"Ceola does a little of everything," Ramsey said. "He's a very well-rounded player."

With such a talented starting five, it's easy to overlook the bench. But Warren's is one of the better around, with senior Jon Heneghan, junior Jamie Fischer and sophomores Logan Derrick and Shannon Adams leading the way.

"I expect Adams and Derrick to play at a high level," Ramsey said. "They're both capable of big games. Heneghan is a very capable shooter and Fischer is a hard-nosed kid who gives us some good defense."

With this much talent, the players regard anything less than a state tournament berth as a disappointment.

"The sky's the limit for us," Bemby said. "We definitely want to make state."

The team also has another goal in mind.

"We want Waukegan," Lewis said. "They keep telling us we never beat them when it counts, so we want to beat them this time when it counts."

Antioch coach Tom Duffy certainly feels a state berth is in the team's future.

"If they don't make it downstate I'll be very surprised," Duffy said. "They're just so loaded. If they play team basketball, they'll go far."

Even the usually non-committal Ramsey acknowledges that a state berth is a definite possibility, if the team works at it.

"If we play team ball, we have a good chance to make it," Ramsey said. "I just want guys to follow our motto, and if we do that everything will take care of itself."

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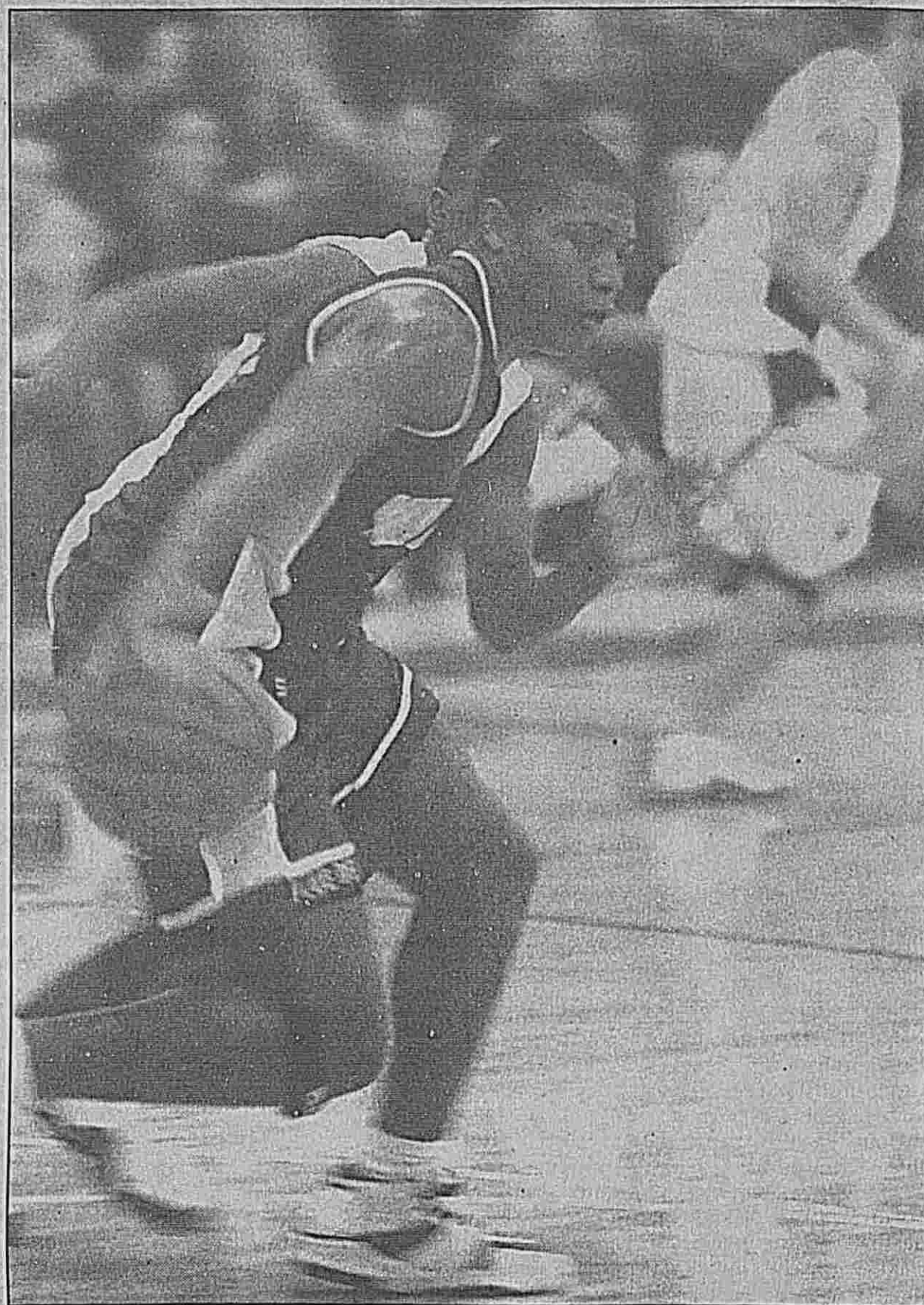
ing it makes my liver hurt, or maybe that's just the juice.

Let us not forget the potential consequences on communities like our own. Young aspiring baseball players are now forced to think the only way they'll ever make it to the pro ranks is to cheat. After all, both McGwire and Bonds had lucrative careers prior to their body-mass explosions, yet they chose to cheat. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see what kind of example these guys are setting.

If it weren't for the entire BALCO scandal,

all big-time journalists would probably still have their collective heads in the sand and would have gladly donated larger baseball caps every day to big league sluggers and their ever-growing noggins.

Oh, and by the way, my name is really Dan Patrick unlike that poser Dan Patrick Pugh the former anchor of SportsCenter and radio host of "The Dan Patrick Show." Having guys profit off of my father's real name makes me just want to punch a hole through a brick wall and...wait, is that another pimple on my shoulder?



Warren Township High School's Marcus Lewis streaks up the floor in a game against Mundelein earlier this season.

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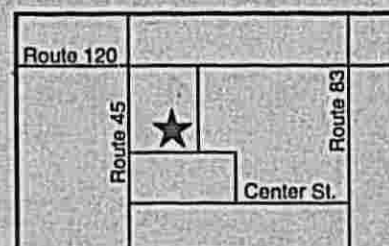
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A heartwarming experience

Condell, Carmel offer athletes free heart screenings

By Regan Foster
Staff Reporter

Adrian Dodds got some good news Valentine's Day. The sophomore football player and track runner at Carmel High School apparently didn't inherit some of the heart illnesses that run in his family.

"I guess there's nothing wrong with me, they didn't say anything," Dodds said, explaining his no news is good news view of heart health. "I feel relieved."

The teen got the news thanks to a free echocardiogram offered through a partnership between his high school and Condell Health Network's sports medicine team.

"We want to screen every athlete in Lake County and we'd like to screen every kid if we could," said Dr. Joel Okner, a Condell cardiologist interpreting the screenings. "The reality is, kids don't have heart attacks."

"Coronary disease starts at a young age, but what we're trying to get out now is that every year two, three, four kids will die."

Statistically speaking, there are 10 to 13 cases of sudden cardiac death in athletes under the age of 35 each year in the United States. The most common cause of death is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a congenital abnormality that causes

enlargement in the left ventricle of the heart.

In excess of 95 percent of sudden deaths in athletes under 30 is related to abnormalities in the structure of the heart, according to an informational packet released by Condell.

One of those athletes was Roosevelt "Rosie" Jones III, a powerfully built 17-year-old who played varsity basketball at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville. The senior stepped out onto the basketball court to play in a pick-up game Oct. 3, 2004, and died.

An otherwise physically healthy and highly active student-athlete, Rosie suffered from an undiagnosed case of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

"This absolutely caught us not just off guard but kind of in limbo," said Joyce Reeves, Rosie's mother. Reeves said it was "nothing" to make the two-hour drive from Naperville to Mundelein in order to spread the word about heart health.

"There's no dollar sign you can put on this," Reeves said, gesturing at the lines of students waiting to be screened. "They are saying to me that they care enough about themselves and their parents care enough to get screened."

"If we can save one life, we accomplished what we set out to do."

Start to finish, an echocardiogram screening took about 10 seconds. Athletes lay on their left side while cardiac sonographer Hazel Walker used ultrasound to project an image of the heart onto a monitor. Okner interpreted that picture, which was similar in quality and clarity to a pre-natal ultrasound.

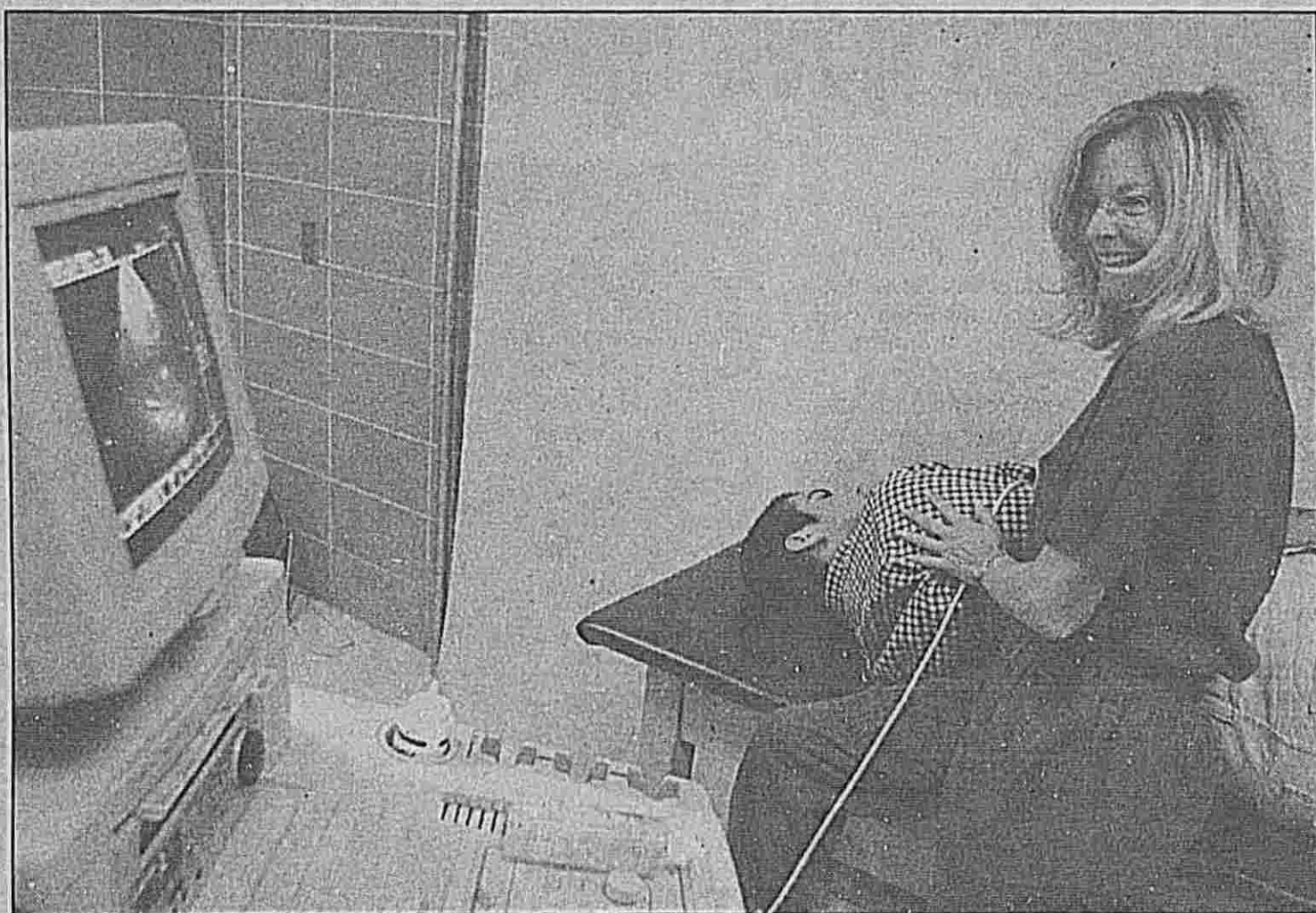


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Cardiac sonographer Hazel Walker runs a scan of Carmel High School student Joe Halford's heart to look for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy as part of the Condell Sports Medicine Heart-to-Heart Cardiac Screening Program. Halford is a member of the school's cross country and track teams.

He then passed a verdict on to the student-athlete. Of the 200 students screened, two — including one possible case of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy — were diagnosed with heart irregularities.

Dr. Larry Scire, the director of sports medicine at Condell, said

early diagnoses and treatment could mean the difference between life and death for young athletes. While Monday's test was administered specifically to Carmel students, he added that the medical center hoped to provide the free, no-strings-attached screenings to students across the county.

"We already know we've got justification for this," Scire said. "Our goal is to first of all provide for all of our Condell schools and then we'll move on."

"This can save lives. ... This is what it's all about."

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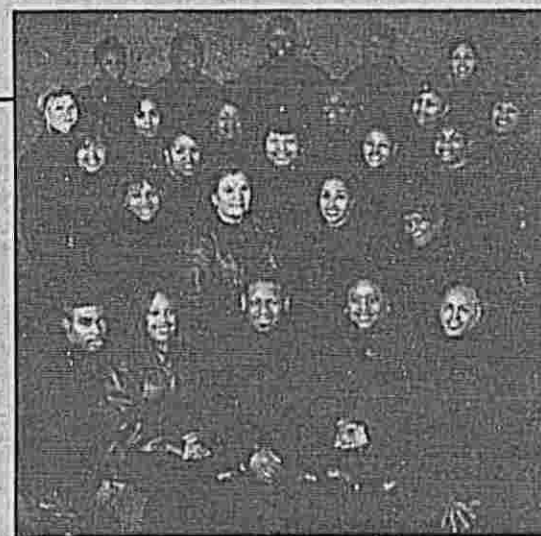
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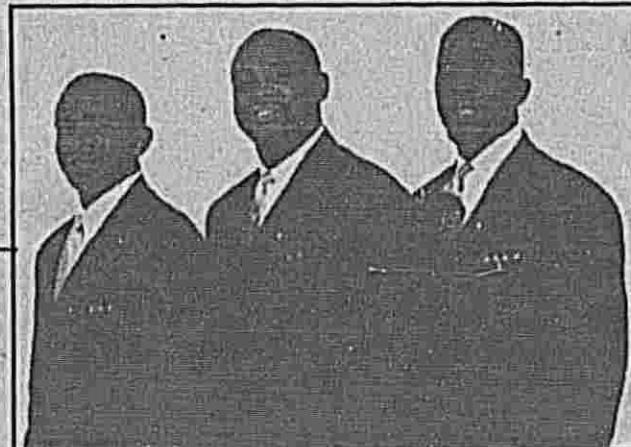
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'All the things that went wrong against Libertyville went our way against Deerfield.'

Tom Duffy
Antioch boys' basketball coach

Quote Me



Sequoits have up-and-down weekend

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Famous jazz vocalist Dinah Washington once sang: "What a difference a day makes." Antioch's boys hoops team certainly knows the feeling.

The Sequoits opened last weekend with a 64-54 loss to Libertyville, digging themselves an early hole with a 16-9 deficit at the end of the first quarter.

Although Antioch managed to cut the lead under double digits late, a 6 of 16 showing at the free-throw line ended whatever chance the Sequoits had to complete their comeback.

"It was a lot of little things," Antioch coach Tom Duffy said of the loss. "Any time Libertyville needed a loose ball or a stop, they got one and we didn't."

Chandler Kent led Antioch in the loss with 15 points, while Chuck Kempf added 13.

However, the next night every bounce seemed to go the Sequoits' way in a 55-51 win over Deerfield.

"All the things that went wrong against Libertyville went our way against Deerfield," Duffy said.

Antioch also hit a season-high six three-pointers including three from Alex McKenzie, who finished with a team-high 11 points. However, it was an unexpected source who gave the team the biggest try of all.

With Antioch down 47-45 in the fourth quarter, big man John Heneberry (7 points) found himself with a wide-open look from behind the arc and sunk it to give his team the lead.

"The guy was daring me to shoot it," Heneberry said. "That was a dagger. We just wanted it more down the stretch. We were diving on the floor and hustling."

Another key to the win was the defense, which stepped up after four straight sub-par performances.

"Our weakness the last four games has been 20-point quarters," Duffy said. "We wanted to put a stop to that against Deerfield and we did."

Up next for Antioch (6-18, 1-8 NSC Lake) is a home contest against Mundelein on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

"We just need to contain (Jake) Gaebler," Duffy said. "But hopefully this win will give us momentum and confidence heading into the final two games of the season."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Antioch knew it was in for a tough test in the regional opener against Grant Tuesday night. After all, the Sequoits fell to the Bulldogs 48-25 in a game just four days earlier.

The team fell behind 12-4 after the opening quarter last Friday and 26-6 at halftime, never really getting in the game.

Tuesday night, however, was a different story. The Sequoits found themselves tied 16-16 with the No. 6-seeded Bulldogs two minutes into the second quarter.

"We really picked up the pace on them early," Antioch coach Don Zeman said. "I was



Photo by Steve Young

Antioch Community High School's Randel Williams goes for an easy lay-in in the Sequoits 64-54 loss to Libertyville last Friday.

a lot more pleased with the effort tonight."

But the team's offensive struggles reemerged as Grant closed out the first half with a 7-0 run, taking control of the game. Antioch was never able to regain momentum, falling 49-34. The team shot just 13 of 41 (32 percent) from the field in the game.

Holly Roberts led Antioch (7-21) with 11 points, shooting 5 of 6 from the field in the contest. Loren Scarbrough chipped in with 10 points.

"Holly played a super game," Zeman said. "She limited Ashley Arff to just one field goal and four points. She really stepped up, but we couldn't get her much help offensively."

GIRLS BOWLING

After rolling a six-game total of 1,231 pins (277 high) in the opening day of the state bowling tournament at Cherry Bowl in Rockford, senior Rachel Kerner was in fourth

'She (senior Rachel Kerner) still became the first Antioch bowler in recent memory to make it to the second day at state. She bowled very well under the circumstances on Saturday. Her performance was everything I expected and then some.'

Steve Haenchen
Antioch girls' bowling coach

place and in a position to become the first Antioch bowler to reach the final round in recent memory.

However, a broken gearbox on the pinsetter in lane three caused a two-and-a-half hour delay, killing whatever momentum Kerner was able to carry into the second day of the tournament. She shot just a 521 on Saturday, falling 12 pins short of the final round.

Despite falling agonizingly short of the finals, Antioch coach Steve Haenchen was pleased with Kerner's performance.

"She still became the first Antioch bowler in recent memory to make it to the second day at state," Haenchen said. "She bowled very well under the circumstances on Saturday. Her performance was everything I expected and then some."

And Kerner was able to take away something positive from the tournament.

"She's going to be bowling at Robert Morris College next year, so I told her to use that day as a learning experience on how to deal with pressure," Haenchen said.

BOYS BASKETBALL

On Feb. 18, Antioch will recognize the 1975 boys basketball team on its 30th anniversary of setting the now-defunct Northwest Suburban Conference record for consecutive wins. There will be a reception for the team in the ACHS commons beginning at 6 p.m.

At the conclusion of the sophomore game against Mundelein, the team will be introduced in the north gym. For more information, contact Antioch athletic director Steve Schoenfelder at 847-838-7630.

PREP PROFILES



Sean Hertz

Sometimes Antioch boys basketball coach Tom Duffy is left to wonder whether there are two separate players inhabiting the body of Antioch sophomore Sean Hertz.

Case in point: During the Sequoits' game against Nazareth Academy at their holiday tournament at Glenbard West, Hertz went scoreless in the first half and had just four points after three quarters. He then exploded for 18 fourth-quarter points.

"That was one of those games when everything I shot went in," Hertz said. "I love being in a zone like that."

"He's just so explosive," Duffy said. "He's had several double-digit fourth quarters for us this year. We just have to tell him to step up and he does."

Hertz attributes his slow starts to a simple lack of aggressiveness.

"I'm not usually looking to score early," Hertz said. "I just try to let the other guys take over and fill in where I'm needed. I'm not being aggressive. If Coach (Duffy) tells me to take over then I'll do it."

Hertz is one of the rare players who can beat you offensively in so many different ways, whether with the drive or the three-point shot.

"Guys can't play him one way or another," Duffy said. "He can get to the basket and hit threes. He's a threat from the inside or the outside."

But he's not just limited to offense. Hertz can be a threat on the defensive end as well, at least when he wants to.

"We he wants to be a good defender, he can," Duffy said. "So we usually try to make him guard one of the other team's best players to challenge him."

And Hertz usually responds to that challenge.

"When I'm challenged I try to step up," Hertz said. —By Rob Backus

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CARMEL

'In tournament time, you never know when you're going to need your bench and they did a good job in the game.'

John Ryan
Carmel girls' basketball coach

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Corsairs crush Round Lake in regional opener

By Dan Patrick
Sports Reporter

The Carmel Corsairs girls basketball team opened up the 2005 postseason in a big way as they steamrolled the Round Lake Panthers 74-18 Tuesday night in the Antioch Regional.

The win advances the Corsairs to the Antioch Regional Championship where they will face the Grant Bulldogs Thursday night. Looking at the box score, one might think Carmel coach John Ryan would be overjoyed with a 56-point margin of victory, but Ryan sees both pros and cons to such a victory.

"A win like this is both good and bad," Ryan said. "It's good because it's nice to get off to a nice start with a big win in the tournament, but it's bad because you don't know how the kids are going to be coming into a big, challenging game like we've got against Grant."

The Panthers game was lopsided from the very beginning as the Corsairs swashbuckled their way to a big 25-2 lead in the first quarter alone. Ryan said an emphasis was placed upon taking Round Lake out of the game from the start.

"We jumped on them right away," Ryan said. "It was good because we were able to conserve the energy of our starters because they only played for one quarter."

Even with only one quarter of play under their belts, the Carmel starters were able to put up some good numbers. Round Lake's squad wasn't so lucky with the Panthers' top scorer Jimmy Nicoline finished with only six points in the contest. While the game didn't pad any stats for Carmel's mainstays, it did give secondary players some welcome floor time.

"We were able to get everyone the ball and all of our kids scored, Jenny Eckhart was our leader and she finished with 13 points and (Teresa) Ogrinc had 12," Ryan said. "It's always nice to get those other kids a chance to play and I thought our bench played pretty well. In tournament time, you never know when you're going to need your bench and they did a good job in the game."

The huge victory didn't just give the brown and gold benchwarmers time to play. Ryan said the lead allowed his team to approach the game more as a practice than a game. In this time of the year with practice time so scarce, such a game is a breath of fresh air for any high school coach.

"The bench players got a lot of time in the game and we were able to work on some things," Ryan said. "During the playoffs, sometimes you only have time to work on things during the actual games. In the Round Lake game, we were able to work on our zone offense and our half court defense."

By Ryan's estimation, his team needs all the practice time it can get as Grant com-

mands a lot of respect from a powerful defense.

"Grant likes to pressure up the floor they switch off from man to zone in their half-court offense so we have to be careful with the ball against them," Ryan said. "We also have to work on our zone offense and we were able to do that against Round Lake."

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Carmel girls' basketball coach

Defensive sets aren't Ryan's only worry as Grant also has the manpower to back up any coaching schemes. The Bulldogs are a multi-faceted team and carry the top billing in the Regional.

"They're a good all-around team, they have weapons all over the floor," Ryan said. "Ashley Arff has a three point range and she can score inside or outside, Kaela Munster's an excellent three-point shooter, Danielle

Eiler's really a tough kid, and they've got a 6-2 center (Becka Gonyo) who's got a nice, soft touch."

The toughest opponent has little effect on the mindset of the Corsairs as they enter the regional finals. Regardless of who the opponent is or where they're playing, Ryan and the rest of the Carmel faithful believe in their team.

"We're only looking to the next game, we're just trying to take the tournament one game at a time," Ryan said. "I think they're ready for Grant and I think they're pretty focused on the task at hand."

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The last time Carmel won a gymnastics title, junior team leader Laura Valkman was a mere five years old. Now, Valkman and the rest of the Corsairs can add to that accomplishment as they captured their first sectional title since 1993.

Carmel finished the meet with a score of 146.85 with Warren finishing at 144.65 and Stevenson taking the final spot at 141.325. Valkman was the highest individual finisher on the squad as she finished in second place with a score of 37.05. Glenbrook North's Brittany Zimmerman took top honors with a 37.125 mark.

Other Corsair notables include Caylee McGrath and Sam Sokup who finished second on the vault with a 9.5 score in a four-way tie and Sokup qualified for state in the all-around competition with a 36.525 score.

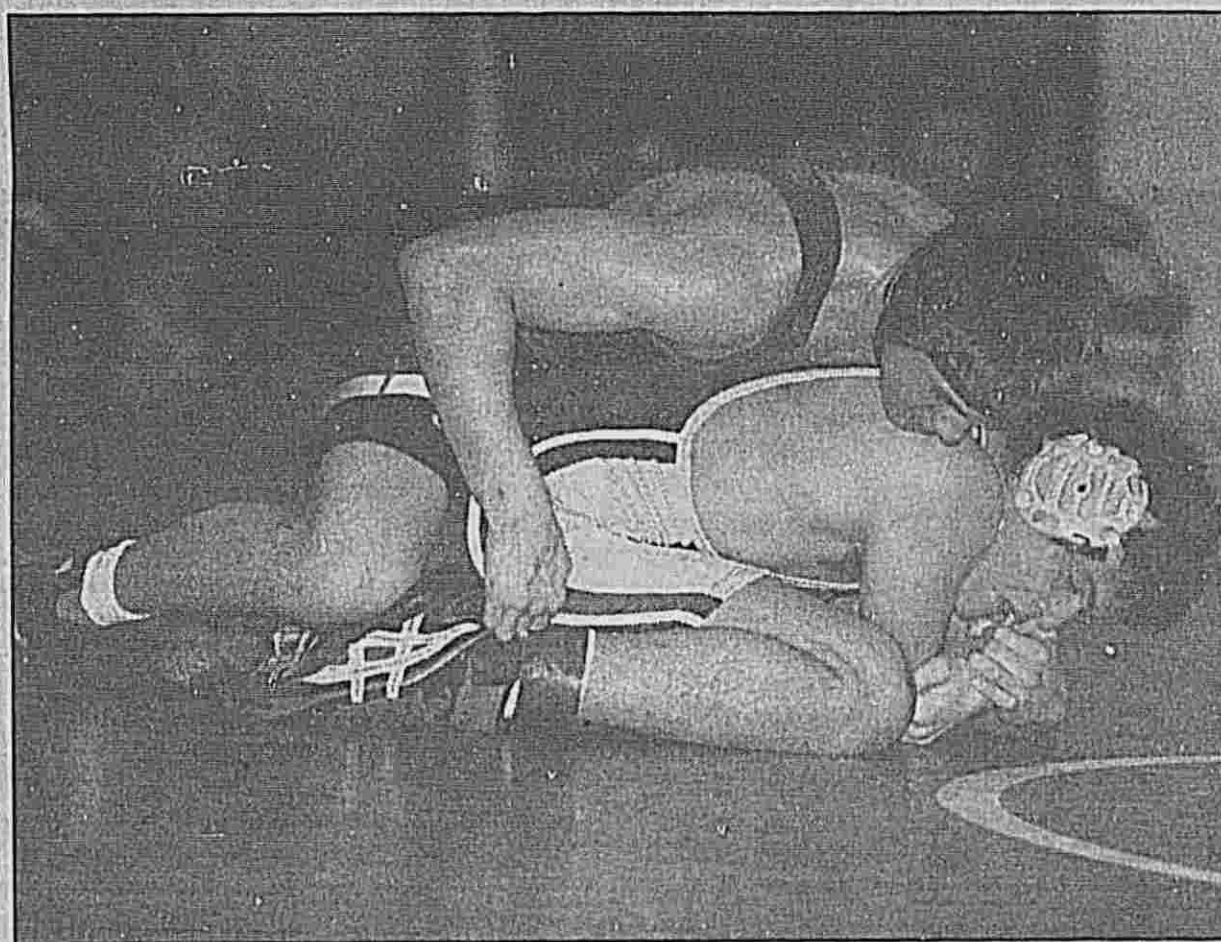


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Carmel High School's Bernie Vazquez competes against Highland Park's Louis Gouletas during the 189-pound weight class of the Barrington IHSA Sectional. Vazquez qualified for this weekend's state tournament by finishing third.

PREPROFILES



Robert Brodarick

In basketball and in life, all a person needs is heart. Carmel center Robert Brodarick and numerous other Corsairs had theirs checked out this week as a part of the Heart-to-Heart cardiac screening program.

At first, Brodarick was skeptical about the test, but with the picture of fallen high school athlete Roosevelt Jones sitting in the Corsair lobby, Brodarick had second thoughts about his stance.

"Previously, I didn't even consider it and I thought it was kind of a joke," Brodarick said. "I think that it's plausible with all the things that are out there, and it is of importance. It worries me with all the activities we do, there's always that chance."

With a clean billing for his heart, Brodarick was able to talk about his love-the game of basketball.

"The game has the utmost of importance in my life," Brodarick said. "I put it before school sometimes and I guess that's bad, but I just love the game."

Standing at a healthy 6-feet, 6-inches tall, Brodarick was indoctrinated into basketball at an early age. While his stature may be of use on the basketball court, it can be a bit of a hindrance for him.

"Being tall has its downsides, but mostly it's got upsides," Brodarick said. "I like being able to look over everyone, but it can be trouble to find clothes and shoes that fit me."

Stature issues aside, Brodarick places a big emphasis on seeing the good side, after all, such an outlook is good for the heart.

"At this age, this is all I can ask for, it's been a good experience so far," Brodarick said. "Sometimes I think about the end of my career, but I've just got to look positively. If you keep looking positively, then that's what you do-positive things." —By Dan Patrick



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GRANT

'Working hard is something that we preach game in and game out, but by the time we discovered that, we were down by 17 points.'

Phil Ralston
Grant boys' basketball coach

Quote Me **Bulldogs**

Kennedy's win streak now 81 and counting

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

The weight class has changed, but certainly not the results for Grant High's Jim Kennedy.

Kennedy brings an 81-win match win streak to the IHSA State wrestling championships at the University of Illinois Feb. 18-19. His last loss was his freshman year in the title match at 103. He won the weight class last year and is 39-0 following the title at the Barrington Sectional meet.

"Jimmy has changed in that he is facing stronger opponents. He is more of a set up wrestler, more strategic now. He goes for the takedowns more. You would think with the bigger weight class, he would have less take downs, but he has more," Grant coach Ryan Geist said.

Kennedy beat another 39-win wrestler, Bob Joyce of St. Viator, 15-5 to win the crown at Barrington.

Kennedy and five teammates will be after the crowns after they qualified last week with top three finishes. John Deneen was second at 125, junior Joe Barczak won the title with a 6-4 overtime win over Troy Carlson of Cary-Grove at 152; senior Daniel Dennis is 44-1 after winning 130, junior Eric Horvath took second at 171 with a win by fall; Toby Temple battled back for a third place finish at 140.

Geist said that Barczak, 39-4, is peaking at the right time.

"Like a lot of wrestlers, he is wrestling better at the end of the season. He has the confidence to take some calculated risks," Geist said.

Temple may have had the toughest route of all, but battled back to gain his spot in Champaign. He beat rival Andy Burk of Stevenson 9-5 for third place. "A lot of seniors went out unhappy in the third place match, but he wrestled well and deserved to go," Geist said.

Horvath, 32-9, gained the title of the only top four finishers to repeat for a state trip at 171. He lost by a fall to Justin Milos of Prospect in 3:22. Milos was 35-1.

"He had a crazy bracket. His win in the semis was some stuff you would not see other wrestlers do," Geist said.

While there will be pressure at the state meet, the Bulldogs still have the team sectionals to think about. They are Feb. 22 at Conant High School. Grant made the state quarterfinals last year.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Finding themselves down by 17 points at halftime to a three-win team proved just the inspiration that Grant Bulldogs needed.

Led by a 35-point effort from Eric Lostrosio and 17 by Matt Behm, Grant pulled out a 76-73 overtime win on the road at Woodstock.

"We did not come out and play well, perhaps because we were playing a team with three wins. Working hard is something that we preach game in and game out, but by the time we discovered that, we were down by 17 points. We did not play good defense in the first half, as their leading scorer had 14 points, but we held him to two in the second half," said Grant coach Phil Ralston. "We proved that we can be a pretty explosive offense."

Behm provided the late heroics. He took a shot with 12 seconds left in regulation, then got his own rebound for a put-back and a 64-64 tie.

Senior Mike Mauch had 17 points and a near-school record 12 assists. The record for one game is 14.

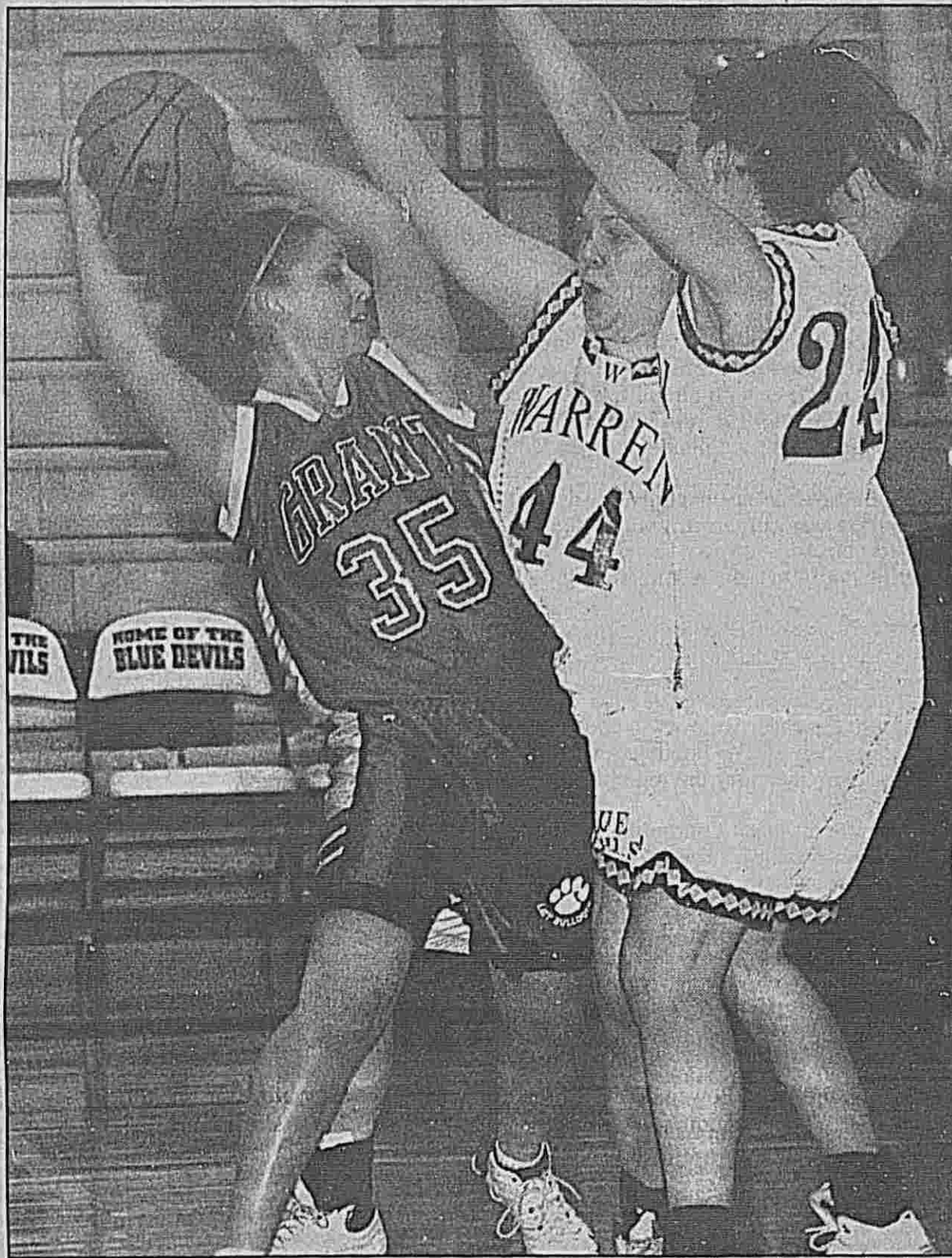
Grant had a 21-10 lead in free-throw shooting, with many coming down the stretch for a 12-9 overtime run.

Grant fell to North Chicago 51-46 as the Warhawks led by eight points after one quarter. Grant dropped to 5-4 in the division with the loss.

Grant was led by 18 points from Behm and 17 from Lostrosio, who matched his season average. Rick Gaylor and Travis Frey had 6 each and Mauch had 4.

"I am pleased that we held their leading scorer, who is averaging 21 points, to six. We had a good game, but not good enough to win at the end," Ralston said.

Grant (11-10) hosts division champ Zion-



Grant's Danielle Eiler attempts to fight off the pressure from Warren's Paula Nelweem and Alex Leach in the Bulldogs' loss to the Blue Devils in last week's North Suburban title game.

Photo by Ronilyn Mussared

Benton on Feb. 18.

"We have two games at home this week, for the first time in a month, and that will be big with our fans behind us," Ralston said.

Grant finishes the regular season at Lake Forest, which beat Warren, on Feb. 22 and hosts 20-3 Johnsburg Feb. 25.

Grant, the No. 12 seed in the Lake Zurich Sectional, learned its first-round opponent in the postseason tourney. Grant plays regional host Grayslake on March 2. The regional final is March 4.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grant High's girls basketball team brought home some hardware with the NSC Prairie Division plaque from the NSC title game.

'I'm proud of our team. We did awesome. We'll get back up for regionals.'

Danielle Eiler
Grant basketball player

And for 16 minutes, the Bulldogs stayed with mighty Warren High's squad, down by two points at halftime. For that was about as different as two halves of basketball can be as Warren High used its second-half athleticism to speed past Grant 41-29. The win claimed a second straight NSC title for the Blue Devils.

"They just came out more intense than we did in the second half. They did not want to lose it. I'm proud of our team. We did awesome. We'll get back up for regionals," said Grant's Danielle Eiler, who scored 8 first-half points.

WTHS freshman Sarah Boothe 6-feet, 4-inches, showed her talents with an 11-point effort as well as several altered, outright blocked a few Bulldogs hitting the floor when

they challenged her domain. Senior T.K. LaFleur was the beneficiary of the faster second half pace, where she scored 12 of her 16 points.

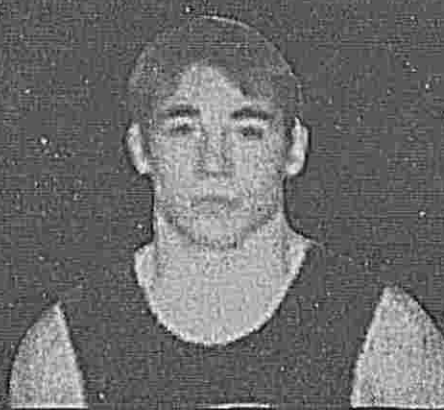
Grant was without its tallest player, 6-2 center Becka Gonyo, due to a coach's decision for the first half and into the second.

"We had 28 turnovers. We usually have 7 percent or more of our offense off turnovers."

"Eiler did do well," said GCHS coach Tom Oeffling.

Grant led 4-0 early on baskets from Ashley Arff (5 points) and Eiler. The rest of the first quarter was a draw, an 8-8 tie as Eiler drove past a defender for a layup. A trey by junior Jessica Bollinger gave Warren a 3-point lead after one. Grant's last lead was 15-14 on a drive by Cassie Newton. Newton added 3 points for

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Daniel Dennis

There is nothing quite like finishing second in anything for motivation.

Second in a job interview, the second person to fly across the Atlantic. The second person to step foot on the Moon.

For Daniel Dennis and John Deneen, seconds at last year's IHSA State Individual Wrestling final can be the driving force behind motivation to do well this weekend.

"Win it," Dennis said succinctly after a workout this week.

Dennis brings a 44-1 record to Champaign after he won the 130-pound title at the Barrington Sectional. He beat Neal Swanson of Wauconda 22-10 in the final.

John Deneen, second in the state at 112 pounds last year, was runner-up at 125 this year at the sectional, falling to James Kohlberg of Rolling Meadows 12-0 in the final. Deneen is still a solid 37-5 heading to state.

"The first couple of rounds are crucial. If you lose there, then you have to fight your way back."

Dennis said of the state meet. "I know I'll have a tough weight class."

Dennis said he has been taught by the best, the likes of Matt Fioridosa and Charlie Jasinski and Sean Cort.

The Grant coaching staff knows what they have in Dennis.

"He has been wrestling really well lately. He really wants to win the state title. Anything less would be a disappointment. He has had 40-45 wins the last three years. He is a strong wrestler. He has matured a lot on his own and that is a big difference," said Grant coach Ryan Geist of Dennis.

Deneen, Grant regional champ and conference champ, has fit right in after transferring from Marian Central.

"John is really a 119-pounder going at 125. That just shows you his tenacity."

The individual initial rounds are Feb. 18 at the University of Illinois with the finals Feb. 19. —By Steve Peterson



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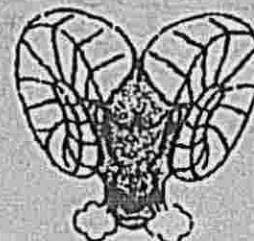
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GRAYSLAKE

'That was the best 16 minutes of ball I've seen at Grayslake and it came against a quality team.'

Tim Bowen
Grayslake boys' basketball coach

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Defense has Rams off and running

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

On Monday, Grayslake had one of its best practices of the season. And the old saying that practice makes perfect sure rang true for the Rams in a Tuesday night match-up against Crystal Lake Central.

Grayslake came storming out of the gates, holding a 21-3 lead over the Tigers after the opening quarter. The second stanza wasn't any better for Crystal Lake Central, as the Rams outscored the Tigers 16-5 and took a 37-8 lead into the locker room.

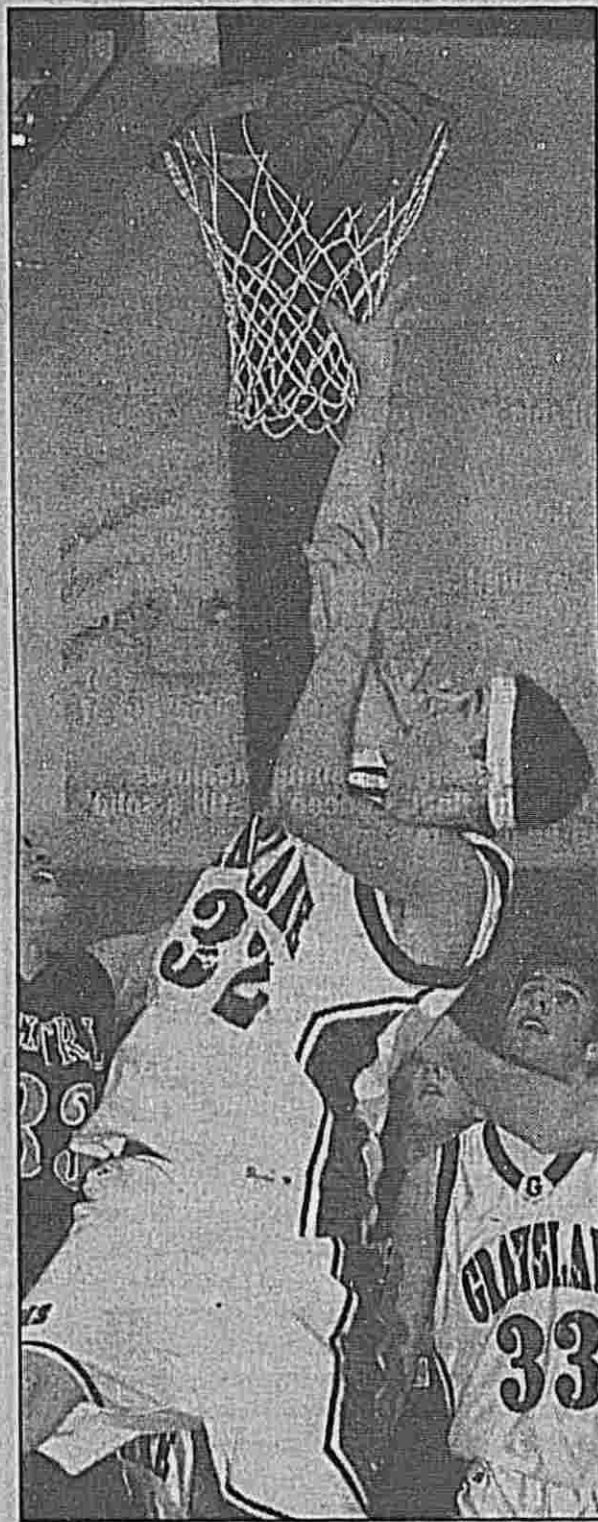


Photo by John Dickson
Grayslake senior Rob Vaughan lays the ball into the basket during the contest against Crystal Lake Central. The Rams beat the Tigers, 58-43, to win their sixth straight game.

"I didn't even know what to say to the guys at halftime," Grayslake coach Tim Bowen said. "That was the best 16 minutes of ball I've seen at Grayslake and it came against a quality team."

Although the Tigers managed to make a few runs in the second half, it wasn't nearly enough as Grayslake won 58-43 to give the team its sixth straight win.

"We came out with a lot of quickness and lot of team energy," said Bowen, whose team improved to 16-7 overall and 6-2 in the Fox Valley Conference with the win. "We didn't allow a single penetration in the first half without a man jumping in front. Our intensity on defense was close to perfect."

And with the defense clicking the way it was, Grayslake was able to run out and get several transition baskets early, which helped the Rams get on a run and stay there.

"Offensively, we were feeding off how well we were playing on defense," Bowen said. "It got our confidence up and we were making good decisions with the ball."

Brian Centella led Grayslake with 24 points, while Travis Guy (12 points) and Rob Vaughan (12 points, 6 rebounds) also had outstanding efforts.

"Rob Vaughan came to play tonight," Bowen said. "He scrapped tonight and play some good defense."

Grayslake also came out hot in its previous game, a 66-34 win over McHenry on Saturday. Centella opened the first quarter with three treys as the Rams took a 21-10 lead. He finished the first half 8 of 9 from the field, leading Grayslake with a game-high 25 points.

"He was on fire early," Bowen said. "I don't think I've seen a better shooting night from him."

Vaughan (14 points) and Elias Washington (14 points, 6 boards) also had solid games for the Rams.

Grayslake hosts Round Lake on Thursday before traveling to Woodstock on Tuesday.

"Woodstock plays multiple defenses, so we have to deal with that and also handle their pressure," Bowen said. "We just need to keep doing what we're doing. We can't have any let-downs on the little things that make us a good team."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

At the beginning of the fourth quarter of the Warren regional opener, Grayslake sophomore Kara Ming stepped to the free-throw line with a chance to build her team's lead over Waukegan.

She was already a perfect 10 of 10 from the charity stripe, when the Warren P.A. announcer said, "Kara Ming is 10 for 10 from the line tonight."

Of course, she missed the next free throw. But that was about all that went wrong for the Rams as they defeated the Bulldogs 73-61 to advance to the regional

semifinals. Grayslake shot a season-high 26 of 36 (72 percent) from the line in the contest.

"He jinxed me," Ming said of the missed free throw. "Free throws have been such a huge struggle for me and the team this year, but it won the game for us tonight."

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Kara Ming
Grayslake basketball player

Ming also played a large part in winning the game, finishing with 31 points, just two off her season high.

"It seems like Kara is getting better every day," Grayslake coach Mike Hirsch said.

Hirsch also credited a large part of the win to the return of starting point guard Kelsey Reese (9 points), who had missed several games with a sprained ankle.

"It was awesome to have her back," Hirsch said. "She gives us so much poise. She makes defenses accountable."

Colleen Centella (12 points) and Rachael Manuel (11 points) also had solid games for Grayslake, which improved to 7-20 with the win.

"I had some amazing passes from Kelsey and Colleen," Ming said of her effort. "We started off a little shaky, but we slowed it down and got our heads together. And Manuel did an awesome job rebounding."

WRESTLING

Although the final results may not have shown it, Grayslake's wrestling contingent had a solid weekend at the Barrington Sectional.

"We put ourselves in a position to win," Grayslake coach Steve Wood said. "Every loss was a close match and that's all you can ask for. We put it all out there but, unfortunately, someone has to win and someone has to lose and we lost."

Placido Mendoza (130 pounds), Curran Allenstein (125), August Trexler (160), Matt Simon (171), Eric Rohde (189) and David Quedens all wrestled well, but failed to qualify for this weekend's state tournament by finishing in the top three.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment came from 119-pounder Dane Lund, who lost in the third-place match to Barrington's Andy McArthur.

"We knew that would be a tough battle for him, Dane just came up on the short end of the stick," Wood said.

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Colleen Centella

Nicknames and athletes go hand in hand. Just ask Darryl "Chocolate Thunder" Dawkins or Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch.

And while most would say that nicknames have to be earned, there is one nickname that Grayslake sophomore Colleen Centella would rather not have earned.

"I call her 'Wee-wee,'" Grayslake coach Mike Hirsch said. "We were breaking down game film earlier in the season, and we saw her crossing her legs on defense and it looked like she had to go to the bathroom."

While that may have been an embarrassing moment for Centella, those moments have definitely been few and far between for the rapidly improving guard.

"Every aspect of her game has improved this season," Hirsch said. "She's definitely one of the most improved players on the team this season."

Perhaps the biggest improvement in Centella's game has been her ball handling, which was so inept to start the season that Hirsch was hesitant to even play her at guard.

"A lot of the improvement has just come from getting experience at guard. Plus Coach (Tami) Sears has taken me aside and worked with me," Centella said.

With her early-season struggles behind her, Centella has transformed into one of Grayslake's best players.

"She does so much for us," Hirsch said. "She's athletic, she can rebound and she can run the floor better than anyone."

Her improvement on the floor was not difficult to predict given her experience with battling her older brother Brian, a senior star for the boys hoops team, in the driveway.

"Brian has helped me a lot. He's always giving me tips. I've always looked up to him and he's taught me so much," Centella said.—By Rob Backus

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'They were doing a good job of bumping my defender, getting him off me, and I was just hitting them.'

Anthony Jennings
Libertyville senior guard

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Jennings' hot shooting keys Cats' win

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

Libertyville senior guard Anthony Jennings' shot was feeling good well before he stepped onto the court for the Wildcats' North Suburban Conference Lake Division match-up with Antioch last Friday night.

'He (Jennings) was pretty hot in the pre-game and he was pretty hot in the shoot around this afternoon, so we wanted to make sure we got him some looks early.'

Scott Bogumil

Libertyville boys' head basketball coach

"We called a few plays for (Jennings) early to get him going," Libertyville head coach Scott Bogumil said. "He was pretty hot in the pre-game and he was pretty hot in the shoot around this afternoon so we wanted to make sure we got him some looks early."

His hot hand was evident right off the bat, as he knocked down a quick baseline three-pointer in the first quarter. That proved to be only the tip of the iceberg as Jennings knocked down a total of six threes and scored 22 points in Libertyville's 64-54 win over the Sequoits (5-18, 1-8).

"(Bogumil) just said going into this game to 'keep shooting, I'll never tell you to stop shooting,'" Jennings said. "So the guys did a good job, we set a lot of double screens. They were doing a good job of bumping my defender, getting him off me, and I was just hitting them."

The only points Jennings scored that were not off threes came in the final 36 seconds when he knocked down 4 of 4 free throws to ice the victory. His six shots from beyond the arc added up to be just short of his 7-three-pointer effort earlier in the year against Mundelein.

"He's been streaky like that a lot this year and shooters need to keep shooting so we kept calling his number," Bogumil said.

Junior forward Kyle Engstrom also had a solid night for Libertyville (11-13, 4-5), scoring 15 points and pulling down seven rebounds.

"I thought Engstrom got a couple nice put-backs in the post," Bogumil said.

Junior guard Chandler Kent led Antioch with 15 points.

The Wildcats got off to a hot start in the first half, holding Antioch to just nine points in the first 6:30. But Libertyville ended up turning the ball over in four of its final five possessions of the first quarter to allow the Sequoits to hang around at 16-9.

In the middle of the second quarter, the Wildcats righted their offense with a 12-4 run to build a 16-point lead.

With less than a minute to go in the half,



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Libertyville High School's Dave Paramski battles Barrington's Chris Settanni in the 135-pound weight class of the Barrington IHSA Sectional.

Antioch managed a small 5-0 run to bring it within 11.

The beginning of the second half saw the Sequoits continue the rally, outscoring the Wildcats 9-2 to cut the margin to 37-32 with 6:17 remaining in the third quarter.

"I think they were out-scrapping us for a good sequence in the game," Bogumil said. "They got a lot of second shots and rebounds. They were just scrapping and I think we got in the habit a couple of times of looking at the score and time."

When the Wildcats looked at the scoreboard and saw their lead quickly dwindling, they responded by keeping the lead between 8 and 10 points for the rest of the game, with Jennings scoring 7 points in the final quarter.

Libertyville followed the NSC Lake victory up with a 48-39 win over Vernon Hills in a conference crossover game Saturday. Junior Matt Hogan led the team with ten points.

The Wildcats made it three straight when they defeated Grant 68-64 Tuesday night. They were again paced by Hogan, who scored 19.

Libertyville will next host Lake Forest Friday in their final regular season division game of the year.

BOYS WRESTLING

The Libertyville wrestling team did more than their share of damage at the Barrington individual sectional Feb. 11, placing five wrestlers in the top 3 of their respective weight classes.

Senior 135-pounder Dave Paramski (39-1) and senior 140-pounder Jeff Keske (38-1) both continued their dominance with first-place finishes.

Junior 112-pounder Peter Mazzetta (29-9) took second place at the sectional, losing 9-3 to Schaumburg's Adam Snow in the final.

125-pound senior Ted Strychalski (33-9) took third place, as did junior heavyweight Jack Danilkowicz (33-7).

All five wrestler earned trips to the Class AA Individual State Tournament in Champaign this weekend.

BOYS SWIMMING

The Libertyville boys swim team placed third at the North Suburban Conference Championship meet Feb. 12 with 217 points.

The Wildcats finished behind host Stevenson (277 points) and meet champion Lake Forest (290 points).

Rob Emerson took first place in the one-meter diving competition with a score of 357.40 points.

Libertyville senior Michael Hedge won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 54.74 and took second place in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:02.27.

Senior Joe Palac also fared well for the Wildcats, finishing second in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.56 and third in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.01.

Libertyville junior Ben Leboza took fourth place with a time of 1:52.61.

The 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay both took home third place at the meet as well.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Libertyville girls basketball season ended Tuesday night with a 62-39 loss to Zion-Benton in the first round of the Class AA regional.

The No. 10 Wildcats got 14 points from sophomore Kali Feieresel. The No. 5 Zee-Bees were led by senior Lacey Simpson, who put up a triple-double with 12 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists.

PREP PROFILES



Kyle Engstrom

Headed into this season junior forward Kyle Engstrom said he expected to get playing time for the Wildcats, but he didn't necessarily anticipate starting minutes.

With returning players such as senior center We Moran and senior forward Kyle Johnson on the team, Engstrom said he envisioned himself contributing off the bench for most of the year.

But that has changed recently.

On Feb. 4 against Downers Grove North, Engstrom was in the starting lineup and made the most of it, scoring 13 points while pulling down 8 rebounds. He followed that up with another solid effort on Feb. 11 against Antioch, when he put up 15 points and grabbed 7 boards.

"I'm just playing with a lot of intensity and going hard at practice," Engstrom said.

The heightened intensity level is evident at game time as well. With perimeter shooters like senior point guard Anthony Jennings and junior guard Matt Hogan putting up shots from beyond the arc, Engstrom has made himself at home in the paint battling for rebounds, which has often lead to easy putbacks for the 6-4 215-pound forward.

"I've tried to bring my game a lot more inside," he said.

But there is more to Engstrom's arsenal according to Libertyville head coach Scott Bogumil.

"He's doing a nice job being active around the glass," he said. "He's an inside-outside threat. He can pop a three here and there, has a nice little drive from the top of the key and he's also got some nice post moves."

And although Engstrom is just beginning to come into his own as a starter, Bogumil said he has been happy with his veteran poise.

"I told the guys there are no juniors anymore," he said. "Everyone's a senior at this time of the year so they need to step up like one." —By Matt Pera

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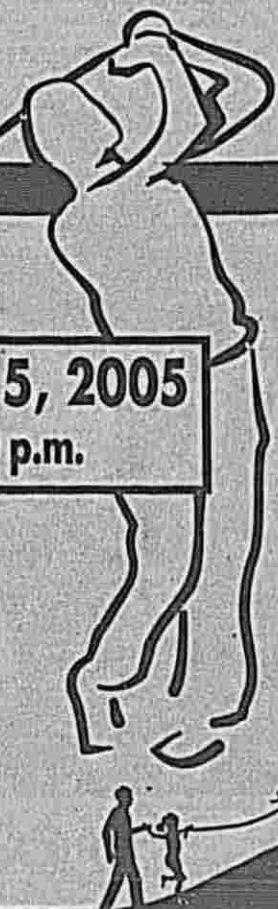
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Mustangs turn up 'D', top Vernon Hills

By Dan Patrick

Sports Reporter

The Mundelein Mustangs girls basketball team know suffocating defense well. They know the technique so well, it almost becomes real as Mundelein choked the life out of Vernon Hills and turned the face of the Cougars' collective game as blue as their uniforms in a 62-31 trouncing in Regional action Tuesday night.

Mundelein coach Brian Evans was pleased with the defensive savvy his Mustangs possessed in the early part of the game. Mundelein was so stingy, Vernon Hills was only able to put up double-digit scoring in one quarter and even held the Cougars to a mere three points in the third stanza.

"I thought our defensive intensity from the very first part of the game was just incredible," Evans said. "I think we came out and established a tempo that I don't think they liked to play at. Our game plan was to take them out of the game quickly and I think we did that."

Within the Mustang locker room, strangulation is a normal weapon in the team's arsenal. Sheer defensive dominance is a major intention every time the team walks onto the hardwood.

"Our whole goal is to hold teams under 40 points per game and that's holding them under 10 points or less in every quarter," Evans said. "That was our whole focus, in the second quarter, we gave up 11 points, but in the third quarter, we only gave up three."

Senior Sarah Miller led the way for the Mustangs with 19 points and seven rebounds while senior center Stephanie Hebda led the way for Vernon Hills with 13 points and three boards.

Throughout the game, Vernon Hills' perimeter game was rendered completely ineffective as the Mustangs simply would not allow any Cougar guard to penetrate. Vernon Hills' offense was often forced to simply pass the ball from one perimeter player to another without consequence for Mundelein.

"One of the big things that we always focus on is keeping the ball out of the lane," Evans said. "If somebody puts it on the ground, we make sure that we get somebody there to help stop it if somebody gets deep."

Coming into the game, Vernon Hills' main threat came in the form of 5-foot, 11-inch senior center Stephanie Hebda. While Hebda possesses a strong game, the Mustangs simply denied her any touches of the ball and limited the star to only three points in the first half.

"We knew from past games that (Hebda) can put the ball in the basket," Evans said. "We needed somebody to go out there and put a body on her and we were hoping that we could push her away from

the basket a little bit. She's a good player, but we wanted to make sure we pushed her and shoved her and played physical with her."

Mundelein rocketed off the blocks in the contest and started out with a commanding 10-0 lead. It wasn't until just under two minutes left in the first quarter until Vernon Hills finally scored off of a lay-up by junior forward Amanda Goldberg. Despite the unbelievable start, Evans wasn't completely pleased with his team's intensity in the early stages of the game. That said, Evans does expect some big things out of the Mustang squad in the weeks to come.

"The first game is always the most nerve-racking and our kids came out a little nervous," Evans said. "We're just looking to get to the next level. We want to win every game and go as far as we can."

After such an impressive showing Tuesday night, the Mundelein unit seems poised to go deep in the Illinois High School Association tournament. Evans is especially sound in this belief due to the scouting his team has already done on their future opponents.

"Everybody that's in our sectional is somebody that we've seen play and we feel that we can play with anybody in our sectional," Evans said. "We tell our kids that if the other team gets two baskets in a row, without us scoring, then we really want to make sure that we make more than two or three passes and we make them work on defense. We want to shut momentum down."

WRESTLING

Mustang senior wrestler Will McDermott has yet another accolade to add to his ever-growing list as he qualified for state in the 135-pound weight class in the Barrington sectional.

McDermott clinched the spot after he beat Barrington senior Chris Settanni in a 12-10 decision to improve to an impressive 33-8 on the year. Libertyville senior Dave Paramski won the weight class while Wheeling senior Jamie Smith came in second. McDermott will return to action at the Individual State Wrestling Tournament Feb. 18 and 19 in the University of Illinois' Assembly Hall.

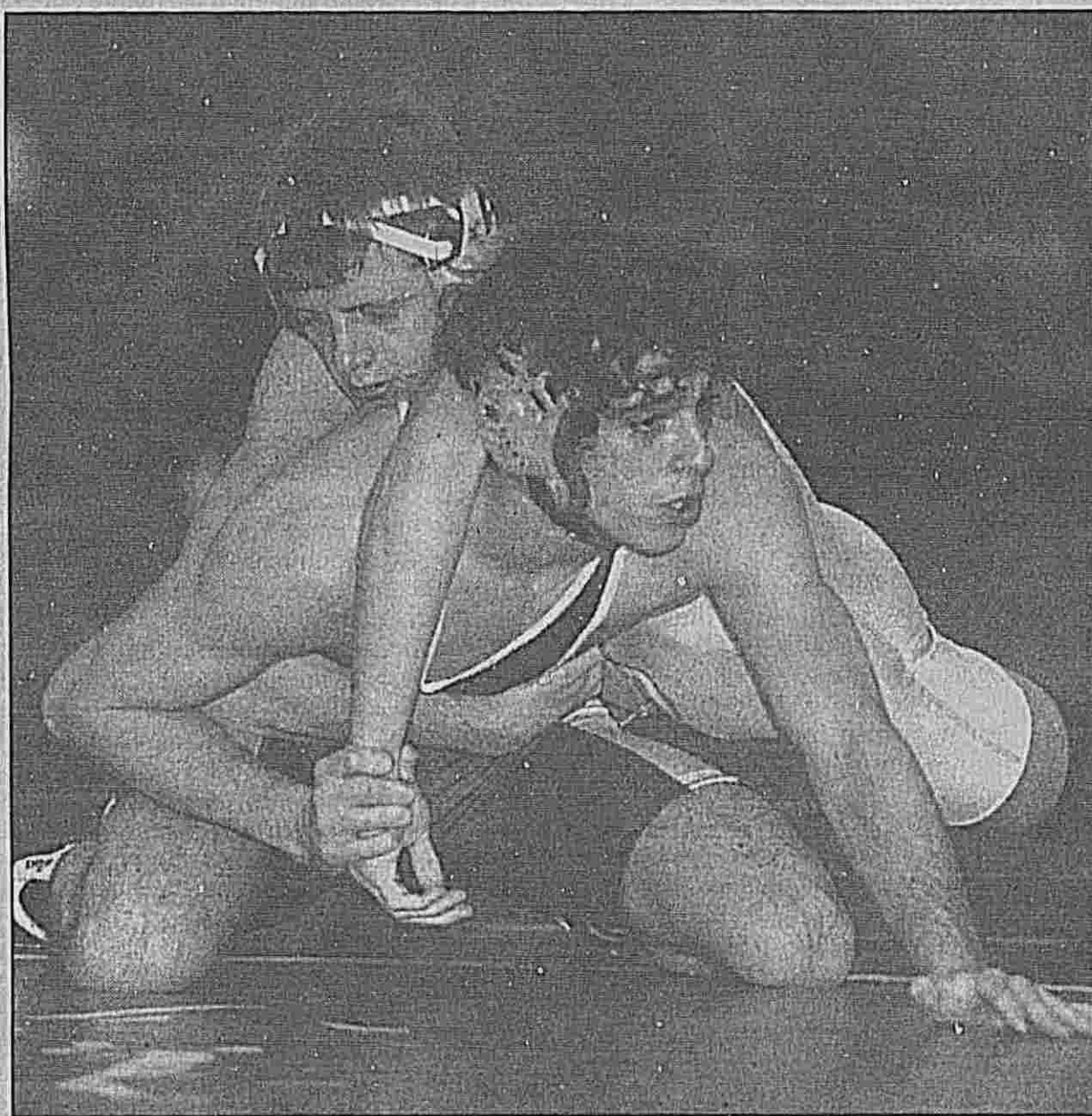


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Mundelein High School's Will McDermott looks to his coaches for guidance while competing with a Wheeling wrestler in the 135-pound weight class of the Barrington IHSA Sectional.

PREP PROFILES



Sarah Miller

Injuries are the bane of an athlete's existence, even a small mishap, when timed incorrectly, can mean the death of a hard-earned career. Mustang senior Sarah Miller saw the final two weeks of her senior season tick away with her on the sidelines.

But when the regionals came, it lit a fire within Miller's 5-foot, 8-inch frame. The guard came back in a big way and scored her 1,000th career point on a 19-point, seven rebound outing.

"It made me feel good because it's hard being out," Miller said. "I just had to be there for my team tonight and I wanted to come out hard. I was happy that I had a good game, but I was happier that my team won the game."

Miller's team-first attitude is an undying trait within her life. Despite finishing the night with 1,001 career points and only becoming the sixth player in the team's history to do so, Miller dismissed the achievement as a mere statistic.

"It's a good milestone in someone's career, but it really doesn't mean much to me," Miller said. "I've got a thousand points, but defense wins games. I'm happy that I got there, but now I need to focus on the team effort. I always give my all, especially in playoff times. All of us on the team have to give it 100-percent."

Injuries and career milestones aside, Miller is never happy with the status quo in her game. Coach Brian Evans is impressed with her work ethic and said this trait will carry her far in life.

"She's a gym rat, she's always in the gym," Evans said. "She watches film with the team, then she'll watch film by herself and then she'll watch film with me. She's always looking to make herself better." —By Dan Patrick

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For a team with only one win under their belt, every moral victory counts and Friday night's game was truly a rallying point for the ailing Panthers. Despite long odds against a strong team, Round Lake had the wherewithal to compete in the contest.

"One of the things that I'm most proud of is that they've learned not to quit," Petrynek said. "No matter how daunting the task they didn't give up. When you're 21-1 in the first quarter against a school like Zion-Benton, most teams would have simply rolled over, but we didn't."

Saturday night, the Panthers took on the Elmwood Park Tigers, but after the tough loss against Zion-Benton, the eight-man Round Lake squad did not possess enough energy to compete in the game and lost 60-45.

"We walked out of Saturday night with their heads up despite the loss," Petrynek said. "The effort was there, but the energy wasn't. This is the first time we've played back-to-back games in one week, being short-handed, it took a lot out of us."

Losing is a tough pill to swallow for any athlete, especially for young student-athletes. Petrynek believes his players are learning valuable life lessons, regardless of the marks on the scoreboard.

"The difficult part is teaching them how to take the winning and losing in stride," Petrynek said. "They are getting better at it and in the last few games, they have been maturing and have been taking responsibility for what they've done right and wrong."

Like every Round Lake fan, Petrynek would rather see an undefeated record for his team, but with his team teetering on the other side of the equation, all the coach can ask for is effort. With all the adversity his team has gone through this season, Petrynek is happy with the squad's work and the results it has brought.

"I'm going to say that with individual situations, they're trying to having a win and having a winning effort sometimes are not the same thing," Petrynek said. "The question is that they're giving the best effort, and you can turn a loss into a win that's a difficult lesson, but they're learning and they're starting to get that lesson."

John Paulsen led the Panther effort in the Zion-Benton game with 21 points while Toby Arteaga followed with 14 points and Arteaga led with 16 against Elmwood Park.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

After a long, tough road for the Round Lake Panthers girls basketball team, the end has finally come for the ailing squad. However, it could not have come in a worse way as the team came up on the wrong end of a 74-18 pounding Tuesday night against the Carmel Corsairs. The loss officially eliminates the Panthers team from the Illinois High School Association regional competition.

The Corsairs were led by Teresa Ogrinc, who came away with 12 points in the contest while Round Lake was led by Kimmy Nicoline with only six points. The game was a blowout from the very beginning as Carmel was able to jump out to a 25-2 lead in the first quarter and never looked back within the game. All told, the Panthers finish the season with only one win to match their counterparts on the boys team.

PREP PROFILES



Brian Mendralla

With a slight 5-foot-11-inch frame, Panther guard Brian Mendralla might not do much to intimidate opponents at first glance. However, if you underestimate him, watch out.

"He has been a surprise, he's barely 5'11, he looks very innocent out there and when you look at him, you would figure that he's easy to push around," Round Lake coach Mark Petrynek said. "But he plays really hard and he always gets those garbage baskets, if you leave him alone, he'll hit a three and unless he's tired, he's really smart."

Basketball smarts and school smarts are two different things, but for Mendralla, they go hand-in-hand as the young man also has a spot in the Honor Society roster.

"He does all of those little things to keep a team going, he works hard in practice and he's very coachable," Petrynek said. "He's in the National Honor Society and I always tease him to bring in his Honor Society brains to the court."

Brains aren't the only attribute that allows him to keep with the area's best as he also possesses a can-do attitude that allows him to overcome any size disadvantage.

"I put him on some of the toughest and tallest players," Petrynek said. "He's just one of those versatile players where if you ask him to get something done, he'll get it done."

Hard work is a coach's dream, and this sort of mentality is something Mendralla has in spades. If it were up to Petrynek, he would be the entire team.

"You hope to have a player like him on every team for every year," Petrynek said. "He just makes all of those intangible things happen here. When you want that defensive stop, he's the one who does it." —By Dan Patrick

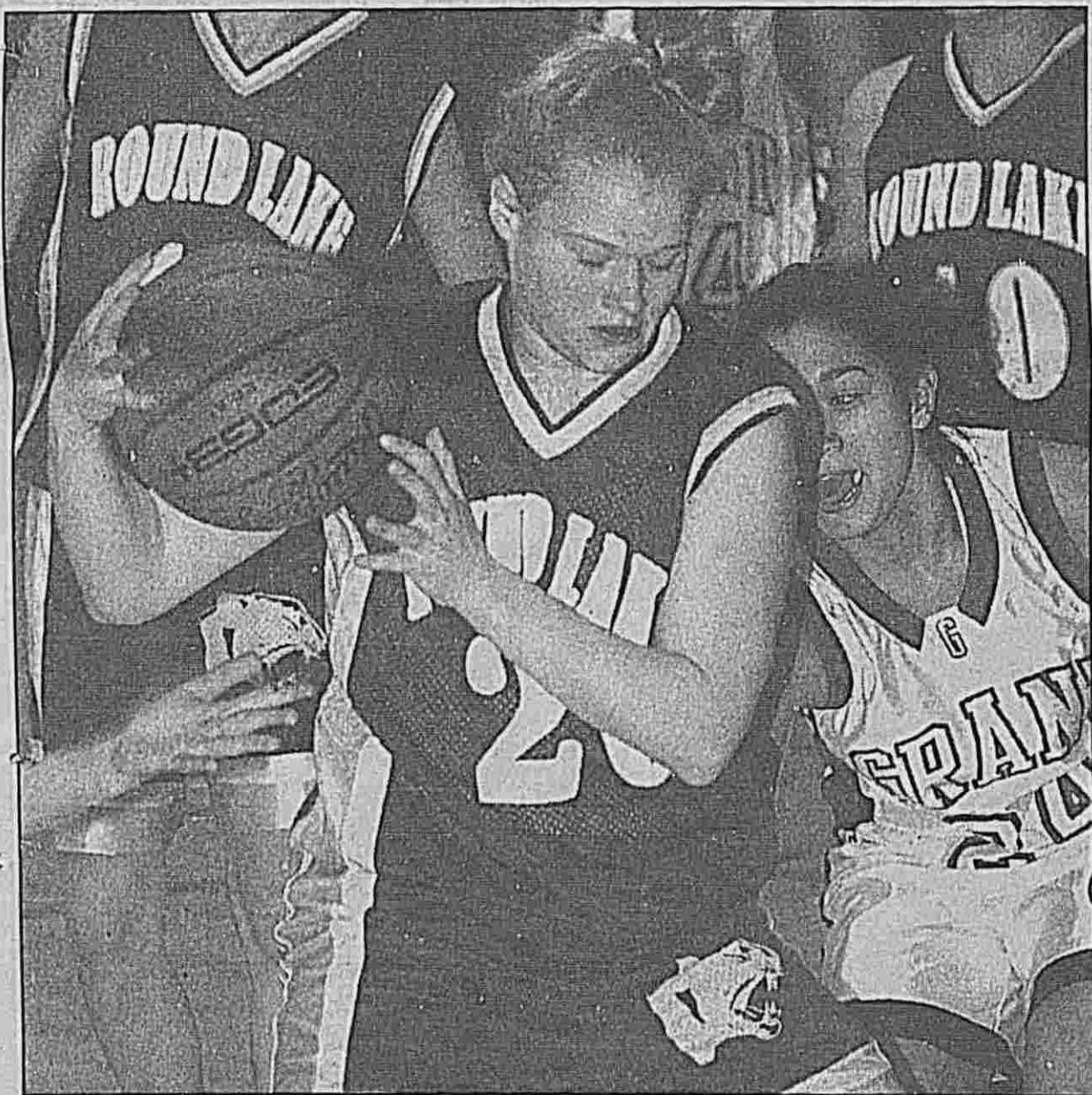


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Round Lake High School's Kimmy Nicoline retrieves a rebound during game against Grant Community High School earlier this season. The team succumbed to Carmel High School 74-18 this week.

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Cougars blow late lead to Wauconda

By Dan Patrick
Sports Reporter

Confidence killed the Cougars last Friday night as Vernon Hills gave up a double-digit lead in the fourth quarter to lose against Wauconda 53-47.

With 5:28 left in the game, the Cougars were poised to win in a big way with a 12-point lead. However, Wauconda senior Hawk Haiduke had different ideas as he immediately dribbled down the court and drilled a three to cut the lead to nine.

Unfortunately for the Silver and Blue, Wauconda would never look back as they chipped away at Vernon Hills to take the lead and the game on another Haiduke three with 1:35 left in the game. Vernon Hills coach Matt McCarty attributed the hard loss to a lax attitude during the final minutes of the contest.

"I think we went into a retreat mode, it was kind of like prevent defense in football, when a team goes into prevent defense, the offense marches down the field and scores," McCarty said. "We became passive on the perimeter and what got us our lead was getting the ball into the middle and their pressure got to us, and we stopped getting (senior center Bob Coy) the ball."

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Coy led the Cougars with 19 points while Wauconda's savior Haiduke finished with 23 points in the contest. Vernon Hills' downfall came on the shoulders of a strong trap defense.

"They get some turnovers in fast-break situations, the crowd gets into it, they start rolling, we miss a free throw here and there and next thing you know, it's a tie game," McCarty said. "As a point guard, you have to realize that they're down and they are going to do something to try and get some turnovers, we just didn't adjust to those run-and-jumps very well."

When the trap defense went into effect, Wauconda went on a 13-0 run to bring the lead to the Bulldogs. McCarty said Vernon Hills lost the game because of an inability to rise to the occasion.

"I just think they turned it up a notch and they put some ball pressure on the perimeter and our guys stopped ball faking," McCarty said. "One turnover led to the next and it was more them turning up the heat on us and they just did a nice job defensively."

Fast break offense was the dagger in the cloak for Wauconda and the Bulldogs wielded

it mightily in the final stanza.

"In our half-court defense, I thought we did a nice job, we dug in defensively and stopped them in the half court situation," McCarty said. "But then the turnovers led to some points for them with (Jay) Grooms and Hawk (Haiduke) running the break and those guys are finishers. They're a good transition team and when they got in that mode in the middle of the fourth quarter, that's what broke our back."

The Cougars didn't fare any better Saturday night as the Libertyville Wildcats had their way with Vernon Hills in a tough 48-39 loss. Senior forward Pat McKenna and senior guard Casey Fijalkowski led the way with 10 points apiece. Coy chipped in eight points, but fouled out of the contest.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Vernon Hills Cougars made it to the second round of the sectional tournament only to be defeated by the Mundelein Mustangs Tuesday night. The Cougars suffered from a lack of offense throughout the game and were eventually beaten 62-31.

Coach Paul Brettner said the loss was a result of a lack of a good inside-out game his squad had in earlier victories.

"We played yesterday against a zone team and we were able to hit some outside shots and we were able to spread out the floor," Brettner said. "Inside and outside both were working and we were able to use that to our advantage. Mundelein's defense is just that good where we don't get the open looks we had yesterday."

Cougar senior standout Stephanie Hebda was limited to only 12 points during the contest including just five points in the first three

quarters. Brettner attributed the lack of production to good post defense by the Mustang squad.

"We actually played pretty well tonight, but they're just that good," Brettner said. "They didn't necessarily collapse on her but (senior) Ashley Cretacci is a good, physical post player and she bumped Hebda out of what she wanted to do."

When it was all said and done, Mundelein limited the Cougars to single digit production in every quarter but one. Brettner said the Mustangs' defense should carry them quite far in the tournament.

"They're a savvy defensive team and they just shut us down quite a bit," Brettner said. "When we did get some open looks at the basket, they just weren't falling and the offensive rebounds were really scarce against a team like Mundelein."

BOYS SWIMMING

Vernon Hills swimming coach Phil Pardun had a Cougar to be proud of in last Saturday's North Suburban Conference Meet at Stevenson. Vernon Hills junior Jason Mitchell came away from the meet as only one of two swimmers to win two individual events.

Mitchell swam a season-best time of 22.23 in the 50-meter freestyle. The swim was good enough to win the individual best while Libertyville swimmer Joe Pallac finished second with a time of 22.56 seconds.

The Cougar wasn't done with only the 50-meter event as he was able to also come away with the "W" in the 100 freestyle. Mitchell won the 100 with a time of 48.74, more than a second ahead of Stevenson swimmer Mike Hall who finished with a time of 49.78.

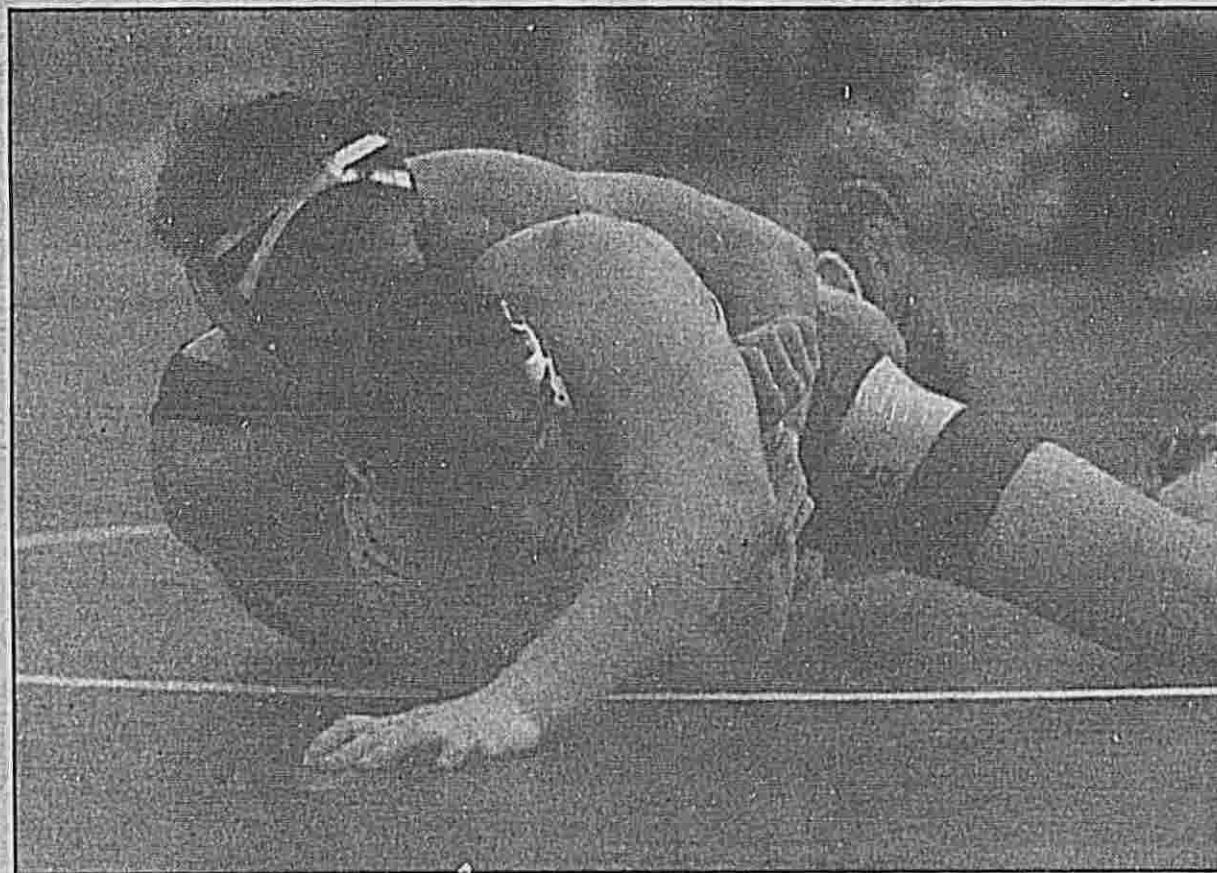


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Vernon Hills High School's Gordon Scharf battles a Prospect wrestler unsuccessfully in the 171-pound weight class of the Barrington IHSA Sectional.

PREPROFILES



Dan Nagel

Within any sport, there is always the thankless position, the job begging for the hardest work with the fewest rewards. Point guards fill this role and are the proverbial linemen of basketball — all guts, no glory.

Vernon Hills' Dan Nagel is the one filling this thankless position, but for all of its lack of glory, Nagel loves every minute of it.

"I'm just supposed to get them the ball so they can put it into the bucket," Nagel said. "On the defensive end, I just have to give my hardest and it's kind of my job to get the ball in the hoop, but it's my goal to get the other guys the ball."

Nagel's repertoire might be without the almighty scoring average, but there are statistics for his kind.

"I accept it, it's a role-playing game," Nagel said. "It's my job to be a defensive player and I know that. If I'm wide open, I might look for a couple of shots, but I'm looking for assists and steals."

While the point guard position can be relatively boring, Nagel does have a way to express himself with the art of dribbling.

"When I was a kid, I used to play basketball outside with my neighbors," Nagel said. "I love to dribble. I got into it playing over at the Sullivan Center playing in groups and you have to get a handle of the ball."

Whether it's dribbling, shooting or passing the glory to his teammates, the game of basketball simply has a big place in his heart.

"I've been playing basketball my whole life and I love the game," Nagel said. "I devote six days a week to the game and about two and a half hours every day. But it's okay and I could play this game forever." —By Dan Patrick

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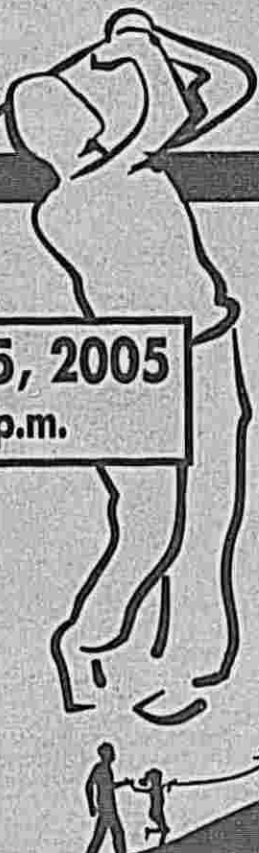
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Round Lake boys' basketball coach

For a team with only one win under their belt, every moral victory counts and Friday night's game was truly a rallying point for the ailing Panthers. Despite long odds against a strong team, Round Lake had the wherewithal to compete in the contest.

"One of the things that I'm most proud of is that they've learned not to quit," Petrynek said. "No matter how daunting the task they didn't give up. When you're 21-1 in the first quarter against a school like Zion-Benton, most teams would have simply rolled over, but we didn't."

Saturday night, the Panthers took on the Elmwood Park Tigers, but after the tough loss against Zion-Benton, the eight-man Round Lake squad did not possess enough energy to compete in the game and lost 60-45.

"We walked out of Saturday night with their heads up despite the loss," Petrynek said. "The effort was there, but the energy wasn't. This is the first time we've played back-to-back games in one week, being short-handed, it took a lot out of us."

Losing is a tough pill to swallow for any athlete, especially for young student-athletes. Petrynek believes his players are learning valuable life lessons, regardless of the marks on the scoreboard.

"The difficult part is teaching them how to take the winning and losing in stride," Petrynek said. "They are getting better at it and in the last few games, they have been maturing and have been taking responsibility for what they've done right and wrong."

Like every Round Lake fan, Petrynek would rather see an undefeated record for his team, but with his team teetering on the other side of the equation, all the coach can ask for is effort. With all the adversity his team has gone through this season, Petrynek is happy with the squad's work and the results it has brought.

"I'm going to say that with individual situations, they're trying to having a win and having a winning effort sometimes are not the same thing," Petrynek said. "The question is that they're giving the best effort, and you can turn a loss into a win that's a difficult lesson, but they're learning and they're starting to get that lesson."

John Paulsen led the Panther effort in the Zion-Benton game with 21 points while Toby Arteaga followed with 14 points and Arteaga led with 16 against Elmwood Park.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

After a long, tough road for the Round Lake Panthers girls basketball team, the end has finally come for the ailing squad. However, it could not have come in a worse way as the team came up on the wrong end of a 74-18 pounding Tuesday night against the Carmel Corsairs. The loss officially eliminates the Panthers team from the Illinois High School Association regional competition.

The Corsairs were led by Teresa Ogrinc, who came away with 12 points in the contest while Round Lake was led by Kimmy Nicoline with only six points. The game was a blowout from the very beginning as Carmel was able to jump out to a 25-2 lead in the first quarter and never looked back within the game. All told, the Panthers finish the season with only one win to match their counterparts on the boys team.

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Brian Mendralla

With a slight 5-foot-11-inch frame, Panther guard Brian Mendralla might not do much to intimidate opponents at first glance. However, if you underestimate him, watch out.

"He has been a surprise, he's barely 5'11, he looks very innocent out there and when you look at him, you would figure that he's easy to push around," Round Lake coach Mark Petrynek said. "But he plays really hard and he always gets those garbage baskets, if you leave him alone, he'll hit a three and unless he's tired, he's really smart."

Basketball smarts and school smarts are two different things, but for Mendralla, they go hand-in-hand as the young man also has a spot in the Honor Society roster.

"He does all of those little things to keep a team going; he works hard in practice and he's very coachable," Petrynek said. "He's in the National Honor Society and I always tease him to bring in his Honor Society brains to the court."

Brains aren't the only attribute that allows him to keep with the area's best as he also possesses a can-do attitude that allows him to overcome any size disadvantage.

"I put him on some of the toughest and tallest players," Petrynek said. "He's just one of those versatile players where if you ask him to get something done, he'll get it done."

Hard work is a coach's dream, and this sort of mentality is something Mendralla has in spades. If it were up to Petrynek, he would be the entire team.

"You hope to have a player like him on every team for every year," Petrynek said. "He just makes all of those intangible things happen here. When you want that defensive stop, he's the one who does it." —By Dan Patrick

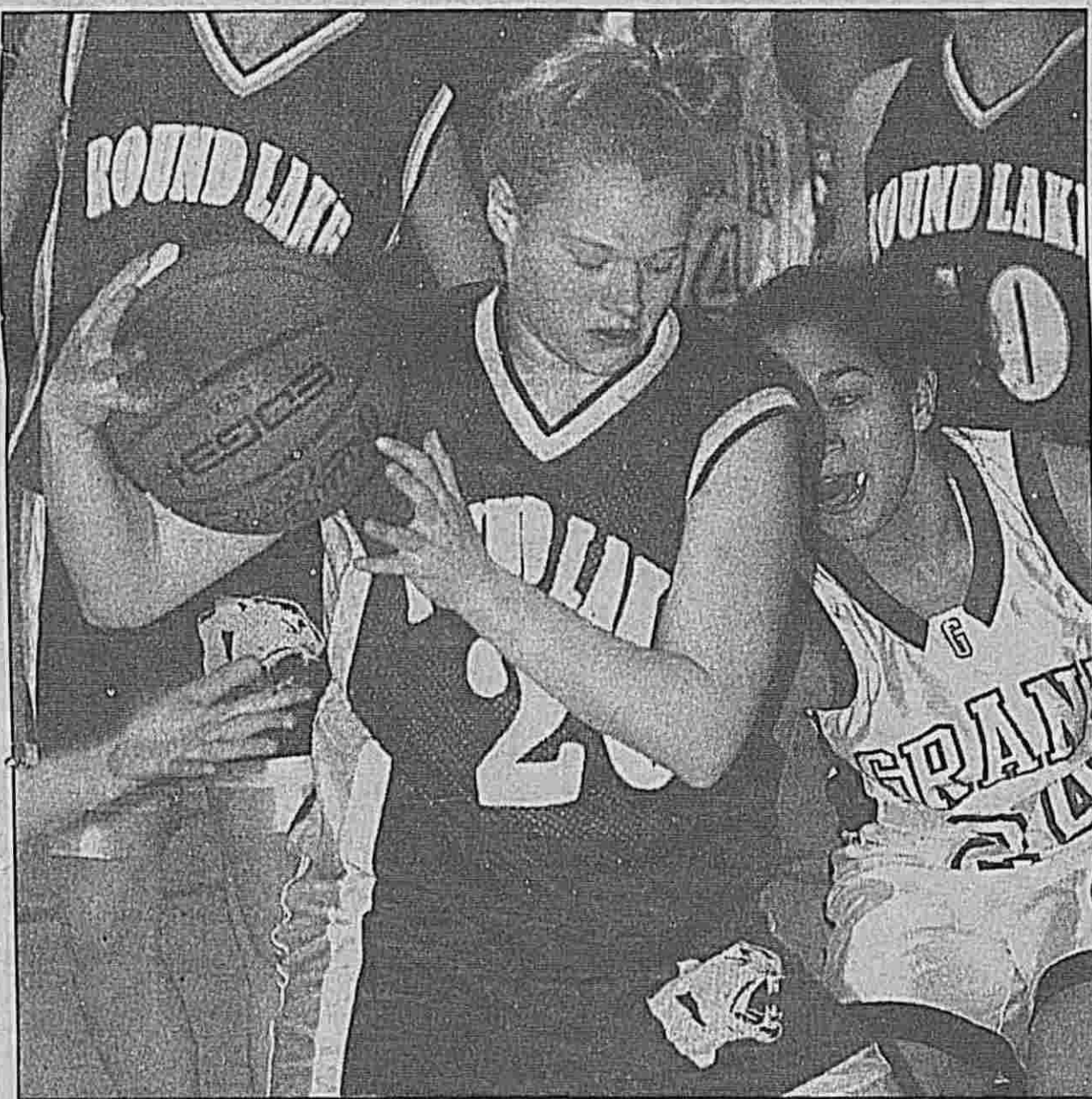


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Round Lake High School's Kimmy Nicoline retrieves a rebound during game against Grant Community High School earlier this season. The team succumbed to Carmel High School 74-18 this week.

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VERNON HILLS

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Matt McCarty
Vernon Hills boys' hoops coach



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Cougars blow late lead to Wauconda

By Dan Patrick
Sports Reporter

Confidence killed the Cougars last Friday night as Vernon Hills gave up a double-digit lead in the fourth quarter to lose against Wauconda 53-47.

With 5:28 left in the game, the Cougars were poised to win in a big way with a 12-point lead. However, Wauconda senior Hawk Haiduke had different ideas as he immediately dribbled down the court and drilled a three to cut the lead to nine.

Unfortunately for the Silver and Blue, Wauconda would never look back as they chipped away at Vernon Hills to take the lead and the game on another Haiduke three with 1:35 left in the game. Vernon Hills coach Matt McCarty attributed the hard loss to a lax attitude during the final minutes of the contest.

"I think we went into a retreat mode, it was kind of like prevent defense in football, when a team goes into prevent defense, the offense marches down the field and scores," McCarty said. "We became passive on the perimeter and what got us our lead was getting the ball into the middle and their pressure got to us, and we stopped getting (senior center Bob Coy) the ball."

'One turnover led to the next and it was more them turning up the heat on us and they just did a nice job defensively.'

Matt McCarty
Vernon Hills boys' hoops coach

Coy led the Cougars with 19 points while Wauconda's savior Haiduke finished with 23 points in the contest. Vernon Hills' downfall came on the shoulders of a strong trap defense.

"They get some turnovers in fast-break situations, the crowd gets into it, they start rolling, we miss a free throw here and there and next thing you know, it's a tie game," McCarty said. "As a point guard, you have to realize that they're down and they are going to do something to try and get some turnovers, we just didn't adjust to those run-and-jumps very well."

When the trap defense went into effect, Wauconda went on a 13-0 run to bring the lead to the Bulldogs. McCarty said Vernon Hills lost the game because of an inability to rise to the occasion.

"I just think they turned it up a notch and they put some ball pressure on the perimeter and our guys stopped ball faking," McCarty said. "One turnover led to the next and it was more them turning up the heat on us and they just did a nice job defensively."

Fast break offense was the dagger in the cloak for Wauconda and the Bulldogs wielded

it mightily in the final stanza.

"In our half-court defense, I thought we did a nice job, we dug in defensively and stopped them in the half court situation," McCarty said. "But then the turnovers led to some points for them with (Jay) Grooms and Hawk (Haiduke) running the break and those guys are finishers. They're a good transition team and when they got in that mode in the middle of the fourth quarter, that's what broke our back."

The Cougars didn't fare any better Saturday night as the Libertyville Wildcats had their way with Vernon Hills in a tough 48-39 loss. Senior forward Pat McKenna and senior guard Casey Fijalkowski led the way with 10 points apiece. Coy chipped in eight points, but fouled out of the contest.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Vernon Hills Cougars made it to the second round of the sectional tournament only to be defeated by the Mundelein Mustangs Tuesday night. The Cougars suffered from a lack of offense throughout the game and were eventually beaten 62-31.

Coach Paul Brettner said the loss was a result of a lack of a good inside-out game his squad had in earlier victories.

"We played yesterday against a zone team and we were able to hit some outside shots and we were able to spread out the floor," Brettner said. "Inside and outside both were working and we were able to use that to our advantage. Mundelein's defense is just that good where we don't get the open looks we had yesterday."

Cougar senior standout Stephanie Hebda was limited to only 12 points during the contest including just five points in the first three

quarters. Brettner attributed the lack of production to good post defense by the Mustang squad.

"We actually played pretty well tonight, but they're just that good," Brettner said. "They didn't necessarily collapse on her but (senior) Ashley Cretacci is a good, physical post player and she bumped Hebda out of what she wanted to do."

When it was all said and done, Mundelein limited the Cougars to single digit production in every quarter but one. Brettner said the Mustangs' defense should carry them quite far in the tournament.

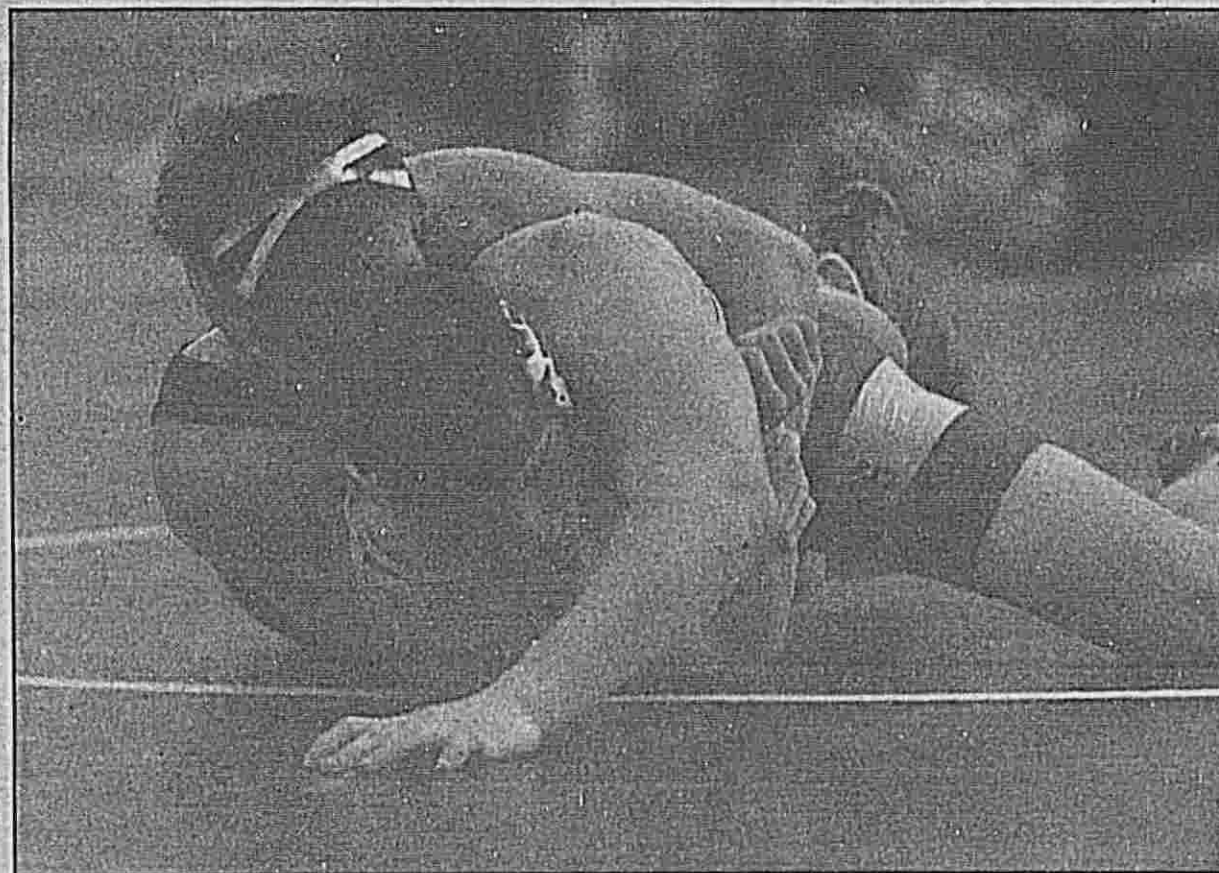
"They're a savvy defensive team and they just shut us down quite a bit," Brettner said. "When we did get some open looks at the basket, they just weren't falling and the offensive rebounds were really scarce against a team like Mundelein."

BOYS SWIMMING

Vernon Hills swimming coach Phil Pardun had a Cougar to be proud of in last Saturday's North Suburban Conference Meet at Stevenson. Vernon Hills junior Jason Mitchell came away from the meet as only one of two swimmers to win two individual events.

Mitchell swam a season-best time of 22.23 in the 50-meter freestyle. The swim was good enough to win the individual best while Libertyville swimmer Joe Pallac finished second with a time of 22.56 seconds.

The Cougar wasn't done with only the 50-meter event as he was able to also come away with the "W" in the 100 freestyle. Mitchell won the 100 with a time of 48.74, more than a second ahead of Stevenson swimmer Mike Hall who finished with a time of 49.78.



Vernon Hills High School's Gordon Scharf battles a Prospect wrestler unsuccessfully in the 171-pound weight class of the Barrington IHSA Sectional.

Photo by Sandy Bressner

PREPFILES



Dan Nagel

Within any sport, there is always the thankless position, the job begging for the hardest work with the fewest rewards. Point guards fill this role and are the proverbial linemen of basketball — all guts, no glory.

Vernon Hills' Dan Nagel is the one filling this thankless position, but for all of its lack of glory, Nagel loves every minute of it.

"I'm just supposed to get them the ball so they can put it into the bucket," Nagel said. "On the defensive end, I just have to give my hardest and it's kind of my job to get the ball in the hoop, but it's my goal to get the other guys the ball."

Nagel's repertoire might be without the almighty scoring average, but there are statistics for his kind.

"I accept it, it's a role-playing game," Nagel said. "It's my job to be a defensive player and I know that. If I'm wide open, I might look for a couple of shots, but I'm looking for assists and steals."

While the point guard position can be relatively boring, Nagel does have a way to express himself with the art of dribbling.

"When I was a kid, I used to play basketball outside with my neighbors," Nagel said. "I love to dribble. I got into it playing over at the Sullivan Center playing in groups and you have to get a handle of the ball."

Whether it's dribbling, shooting or passing the glory to his teammates, the game of basketball simply has a big place in his heart.

"I've been playing basketball my whole life and I love the game," Nagel said. "I devote six days a week to the game and about two and a half hours every day. But it's okay and I could play this game forever." —By Dan Patrick

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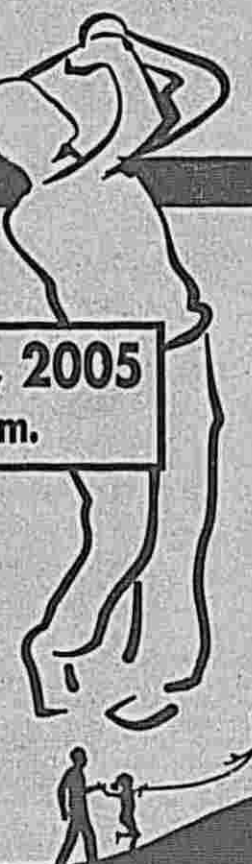
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WARREN

'They (Lake Forest) played to the buzzer and we didn't.'

Chuck Ramsey
Warren boys' basketball coach

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Devils fall to Lake Forest on buzzer beater

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Just when Warren thought the game was in hand, the team's fortunes reversed just as quickly.

After trailing Lake Forest throughout much of the second half, Marvin Bemby calmly stepped to the free-throw line with 10.6 seconds left and nailed a pair of foul shots to put the team up 40-39.

Then, after Lake Forest's Ryan Paxson air-balled a three-pointer, the team celebrated, with Bemby walking toward half court with his arms raised in celebration.

But not so fast. The Scouts' Dan Nelms rebounded the miss and quickly called a timeout, giving Lake Forest 2.2 seconds to get the winning shot. Paxson atoned for the miss, taking the inbound pass and nailing the buzzer beater to give the Scouts a 41-40 win.

"If we rebound that miss we win the game," Warren coach Chuck Ramsey said. "They played to the buzzer and we didn't."

That was just one of the frustrating things Ramsey had to endure on the night as Warren shot 12 of 41 (29 percent) from the field, 13 of 24 from the free-throw line (54 percent) and had a season-low six assists.

"Our ball and player movement was not good tonight," Ramsey said. "We kept trying to go one-on-one and shoot the ball over 6-10 guys."

Bemby led the Devils with 21 points in the loss, while Marcus Lewis chipped in with 13.

But maybe the loss, Warren's first of the year in the NSC Lake division, would be just the wakeup call the Devils needed. Sophomore guard Ceola Clark seems to think so.

"It was the biggest wakeup call we've ever had," Clark said. "We needed it to come together as a team."

And that's exactly what Warren did two days later, crushing Hoffman Estates 47-32.

"It was a nice team effort," Ramsey said. "The kids responded pretty well and the ball movement was better."

Lewis led the Devils (18-3) with 12 points, while Shannon Adams (11 points) and Clark (10) also had solid efforts.

Warren closes out the Lake portion of its schedule with a game at Stevenson on Friday. If the Devils win, they clinch the division title. If Stevenson wins, it would create a tie, forcing the division race into a tiebreaker.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

If this were a baseball doubleheader, fans would have been charged twice for admittance.

That was as different as the two halves of basketball Grant and Warren Township High's girls basketball teams played in the NSC title Game. Warren was ahead by just two points, 19-17, as it struggled in the first half. The second half was all Warren as the Blue Devils cruised to their second straight NSC title with a 41-29 win.

Senior T.K. LaFleur led the way with 16 points and 6-4 freshman Sarah Boothe had an impressive 11.

"They played us the same way everyone in

the NSC Lake plays us. They made it tough for Sarah to get touches and were giving up the outside shot. We're not hitting the outside shot," said WTHS coach John Stanczykiewicz. "But the girls did not hold their heads when things got tough, and stayed positive."

A senior, LaFleur knows how to adjust to the game. "I wasn't getting outside shots. I knew we had to drive and get to the foul line. We wanted to come out stronger on defense and work the ball more on offense. I did not know anything much about Grant, but I knew they did want to play a half-court game. We wanted to play our game," said LaFleur, who will play at Nebraska next year. "We played harder, faster, better, a half-step ahead of them."

On Boothe, LaFleur said: "She is going to dominate. Her junior year, she will dominate. She will be hard to stop. I was surprised as her, as a freshman, she can do it all, moves to her left and right."

Grant had 28 turnovers, too many against a good defensive team like Warren.

The two teams fought to an 8-8 draw early, with Eller scoring two more on a strong move. A three-pointer by junior Jessica Bollinger swung the momentum to Warren. Warren led 11-8 after one, but Grant took a two-point lead on a trey by Ashley Arff early in the second quarter. Grant's last lead of the game was 15-14 on a spin move by senior Cassie Newton.

Warren, after a long halftime talk, took a 10-point lead early in the third quarter. Grant missed its first three shots and had three more turnovers. A tip-in by junior Brittney Jones (5 points) gave WTHS a 27-17 lead. Grant did not get a field goal until Arff (5 points) tallied with 2:27 left in the third.

WRESTLING

Warren 145-pounder Justin Carlson continued his solid season, finishing in third place by beating Zion-Benton's Matt Arnst at the Barrington Sectional, which qualified him for this weekend's state meet at the University of Illinois.

"He's been wrestling well all season," Warren coach Mark Tiffany said. "He's smart and he knows how to win. He deserves to go."

A couple of other Devils also came close to a state berth as Jaime Jacobo (189 pounds) and Jon Gialds (275) each lost close decisions in their third-place matches.

"Jon was up 5-2 with 18 seconds to go and then he got thrown on his back and it's hard to come back mentally from that," Tiffany said. "He made a mistake and he paid dearly for it."

"And Jamie was right there. But he'd pinned so many guys so fast throughout the season that he got into uncharted territory when he was wrestling in the third period. But the match could have gone either way."

As far as Carlson's chances at the state meet go, Tiffany is optimistic.

"We're just looking for him to keep doing what he's been doing which is mistake-free wrestling," Tiffany said. "It's a tough weight class, so hopefully he can win a few matches and then who knows what can happen."

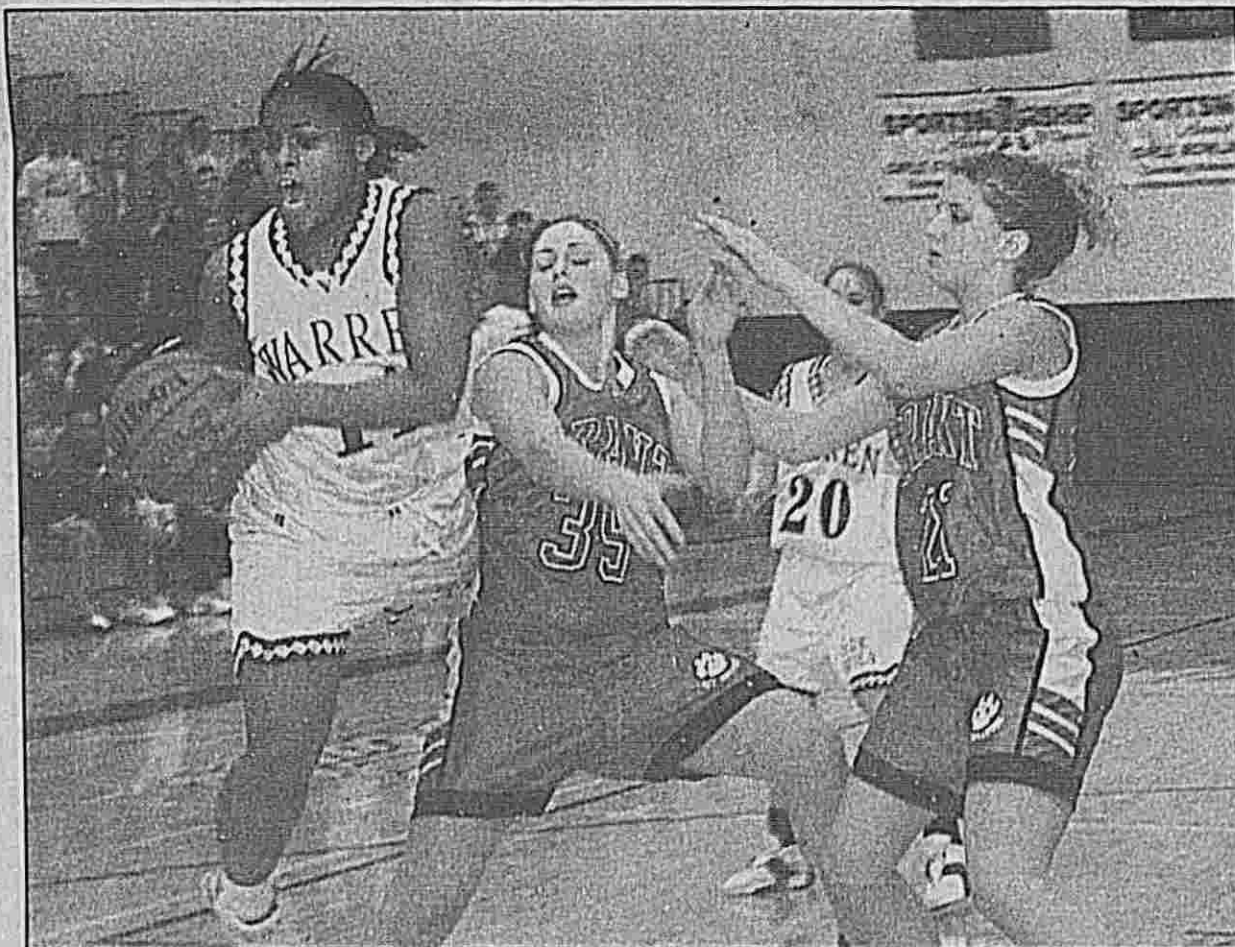


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Warren Township High School's Brittney Jones makes a move toward the basket in the Blue Devils' victory over Grant in last week's North Suburban Conference title game.

PREPFILES



Ceola Clark

A lot of players can talk about leading by example, but it's rare for a sophomore to lay claim to that fact. Nevertheless, Warren sophomore Ceola Clark is doing his best to do just that.

Last Saturday, Warren was coming off a heartbreaking loss to Lake Forest the night before and the Devils had just wrapped up a tough practice.

While the rest of the players went to the locker room to change into their street clothes, Clark remained on the court, shooting shot after shot.

When asked why Clark simply said, "I love this game. I love it more than life itself."

Given the way he plays, it's easy to see that Clark wasn't kidding.

"Ceola is very dedicated to the team, just a wonderful kid," Warren coach Chuck Ramsey said. "He does the best job on the team of leading by example."

Of course, Clark had two pretty good role models when he came up to varsity as a freshman last season.

"Jake Patrick and Casey Pond played with so much maturity last year," Clark said. "I got a lot of knowledge from them."

Leadership is one of just many of the young guard's skills.

"He's a good all-around player," Ramsey said. "He's an excellent passer, dribbler and shooter. He has outstanding ball skills. And he's improving athletically. The sky's the limit for him."

Although he's shown flashes of explosiveness on the offensive end, Clark envisions a different role for himself on the team.

"I'm more of a role player," Clark said. "I do a lot of little things and try to get the other guys involved."

Whatever Coach (Ramsey) tells me to do, I go out and do it."

"He's really turning into a leader for us," Ramsey said. "I can always count on him to have the interests of the team as his first priority." —By Rob Backus

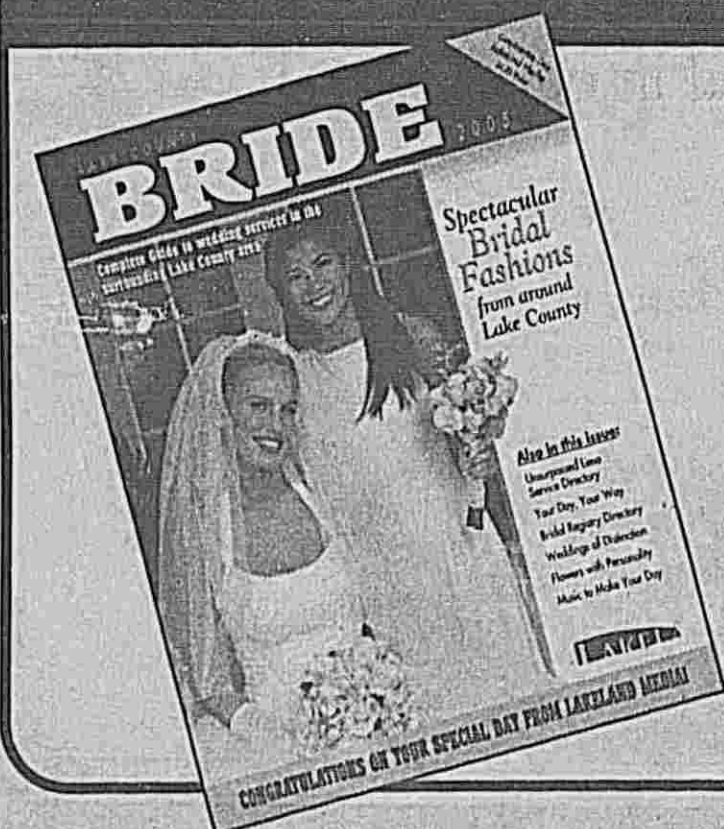
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Wauconda boys' basketball coach

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Furious 3rd quarter keys Bulldogs' win

By Dan Patrick

Sports Reporter

There isn't much downtime in a basketball game with its frantic athleticism and fierce competition. However, there is a moment when everyone can take a collective breath of fresh air—halftime. The break is a time for rest and a welcome drink of water, but for the Bulldogs boys basketball team, it was time to get into gear.

After a tight first half, Wauconda turned on the heat with a 28-point third quarter to eventually bury the Westminster Christian Warriors 65-33 Tuesday night. Wauconda coach Rich Wolf said the win could not have come at a better time as the regular season begins to wind down.

"This puts us on a two game winning streak and it also gets us ten wins on the season," Wolf said. "We've actually got double digit wins for the first time in a couple of years and that was a major goal for us coming into this season."

The second half onslaught came on the heels of a tight defensive set that caused the opposition to modify their offense.

"In the first half, we missed a lot of easy baskets and we weren't moving too quickly offensively," Wolf said. "Then in the second half we were able break the game open with some defensive pressure where we created turnovers and we scored off of them."

Despite the lopsided final score, the contest wasn't so easy for the Bulldogs in the first half. Wolf said his team was suffocated by a tough Warrior defense, but inexplicably, the opposition decided against using the same set in the latter half.

"We wanted to create the tempo in the game, but Westminster did a good job of keeping us out of our rhythm," Wolf said. "They sat in the 2-3 zone and we weren't hitting our shots in the first half and our offense wasn't running as smooth as we would have liked."

The halftime break proved to be the difference in the game as both teams modified their strategy for the final two quarters. Luckily, Wauconda's modification proved to be the superior choice.

"During halftime, we just talked about the fact that we needed to do a better job defensively and do a better job rebounding," Wolf said. "I was actually pretty shocked when they went out of their zone because that was doing a pretty good job of tripping us up. But when they came out in man, it went to where we were able to continue breaks and get some easy buckets."

With the change, Wauconda was able to easily break out in the contest. When the Bulldogs smelled blood, they went for the kill to garner the big victory.

"When they went into the man-to-man in the second half, we really exploded and opened up the game," Wolf said. "It went from a 9-point game to a 19-point game in about three minutes when they went to man. By then, the game was too far out of reach for

them and we came away with the win."

Hawk Haiduke led the way for Wauconda with a phenomenal 23-point, 10-steal game while Jay Grooms chipped in 15 points from the post. Wolf was pleased with the intensity his floor general displayed in the win.

"Haiduke did a really nice job pressuring their guards and finishing at the other end," Wolf said. "He's been our leader throughout the season and he turned in another good game for us tonight."

Only four more games remain for the Bulldogs before they enter the postseason grind. Wolf is confident his team has what it takes, so long as they turn in performances similar to the Westminster effort.

"With this win, you can really tell that we're headed in the right direction on the season," Wolf said. "We want to be able to peak at the right time when we're heading into the

tournament and this win really helps put us there."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

While the Wauconda boys team is riding high after a big win, the girls team was not so lucky as the Bulldogs were beaten by the Vernon Hills Cougars 58-39 Monday night in the Libertyville regional. Senior Stephanie Hebda led Vernon Hills with 20 points and seven rebounds while senior guard Kirsten Kraus led the Wauconda effort with 15 points. Wauconda junior Jessie Middlesworth also turned in a fine performance as she corralled seven rebounds.

The girls team finishes the season at 4-20 while seniors Kraus, Kirsta Llewellyn, Jessica Schwarz, Brittany Powell, Clare Pedersen and Amanda Guerrero also said goodbye to their high school hardwood careers.

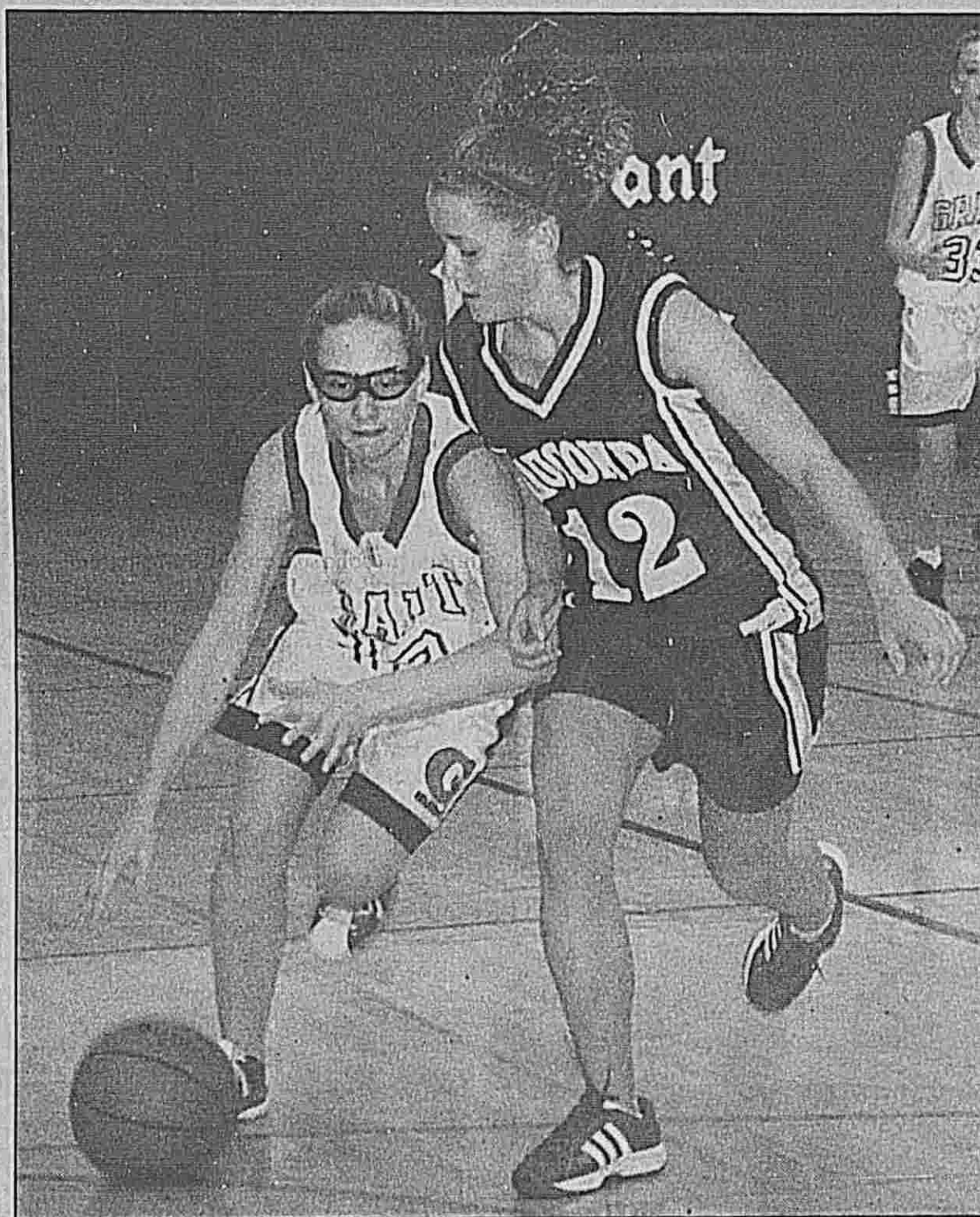
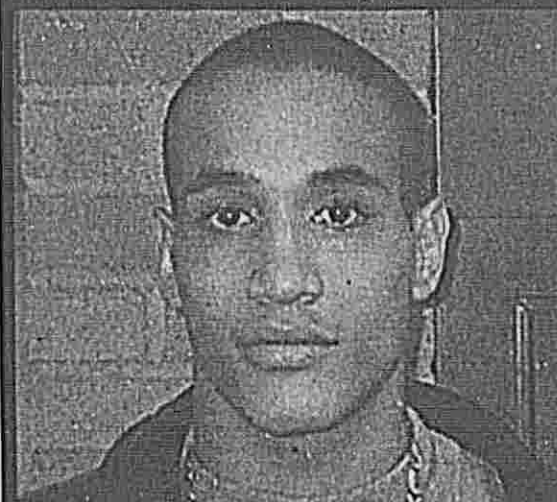


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Wauconda High School's Krista Llewellyn chases after a Grant Community High School player during a game in Fox Lake earlier this season. The Bulldogs lost 58-39 to Vernon Hills in the Libertyville Regional opener Monday.

PREP PROFILES



Jay Grooms

When creating a good basketball player, many things are needed to truly achieve greatness. Of course, work and practice go a long way in any sport, but to get to the next level, most people need something else—natural talent.

Wauconda coach Rich Wolf said Jay Grooms fills the "natural" role in spades. However, there is still always a little work to be done.

"Jay is already a very talented player and he's still trying to work on some things in his game," Wolf said. "He's a great leaper and we're just trying to get him to practice on the little things and we need to get him to work on his footwork."

Grooms himself said he also has a lot to work on within his game, namely, the skills needed to change from the post position he has frequented since his beginnings in organized ball to the more creative guard game.

"The best part of my game is my post presence because I've been playing post all of my life," Grooms said. "But I would like to play as a guard sometime, but it really hasn't been working out for me because I'm one of the bigger guys in this high school."

Sizable as he may be, Grooms is one to put the team's best interests in front of his own. With a serious approach to the game, Wolf said he is always willing to put in the extra effort on the court. When the game ends, Grooms transforms into a bit of a clown.

"He's a very likeable kid, he's a kid that's always going to work hard for you on the court or off the court," Grooms said. "He's just a good kid and he's funny. He's a kid that anyone would probably want to hang out with." —By Dan Patrick

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Waukegan boys' basketball coach

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Bulldogs top Odzic, Niles West

By Nicholas Alajakis

Sports Reporter

When Waukegan last played Niles West in early January forward Dexter Landry was coming off a severe ankle sprain. The injury limited his effectiveness defensively, and the Bulldogs lost the game.

Niles West didn't get so lucky last week, as a healthy Landry played what both he and his coach Brian Colbert called the potential turnaround game of his season, as he poured in 17 points while leading the team on both ends of the floor on the way to a 69-62 Bulldog victory.

"The first game we played Niles West (a 72-64 loss) I was not mentally into it," Landry said. Niggling injuries and asthma problems limited him, he said, but now he feels 100 percent and capable of producing every night.

Landry showed those abilities against Niles West. Up 36-34 midway through the third, Landry took over with strong drives to the basket as he scored five quick points to pace a 44-35 lead. But it was Landry's next points that made the biggest impact.

After allowing Niles West to close the gap to 44-42 late in the third quarter, Landry capitalized of a big David Davis block to go in for an easy lay-up as the crowd cheered loudly. From there Waukegan cruised.

"That's the Dexter Landry we had last year," said Colbert, referring to his team's late-season run to a sectional championship. "We were making fun of him this week. I told him he's playing like Dexter and we're looking for Dexter Landry. So tonight Dexter Landry showed up."

Early on however it didn't seem like any Bulldog player showed up. Waukegan missed its first six shots and made only 2 of 13 field goals in the first period, but managed to trail only 7-15.

The second quarter looked as if it were going to go the same way for the Bulldogs, but like he has done time and time again this season, Emanuel Gaiter (17 points) took over, scoring a quick six points. With defensive minded players like Davis, Marcus Pettis and Carlos Martin in the game, Waukegan was able to change the game to a more physical one as they took a 27-25 halftime lead.

"Our second group helped us," Colbert said. "Marcus Pettis came off the bench, David Davis came off the bench. And they gave us a nice lift. We just had to get energized on the offense. But the thing that got us going is our defense created some turnovers."

The defense created 21 turnovers total, as they punished Niles West players all game long. University of Southern California-bound guard Sean Odzic did manage to score a game-high 28 points for the Hawks, but it came with a price.

"He's a big time player. But we wanted to make him work for every point he got," Colbert said of the Niles West star.

The up-tempo defense was noticed by Niles West coach Dave Genis as well.

"They were bumping (Odzic) and physically beating him up the floor all night," Genis said. "We try to get rest for him, but it's the dog days of the season...poor guy is getting bumped around bringing the ball up the court."

The physical play down the stretch is a testament to the way the team practices, Colbert said. Wind sprints and running exercises are commonplace in a practice.

Waukegan's next game is this Friday. The following week they will host Evanston, before beginning regional play, where they have earned the fourth seed in the Lake Zurich Sectional with a 16-6 record.

"One thing good about our conference...they're going to prepare us for the tournament," Colbert said. "Games (like the one against Niles West) are gonna get us ready."

WRESTLING

It's only fitting that a season filled with injuries and disappointments for Waukegan's wrestling team would end the way it did at last week's Barrington sectional finals.

Five Waukegan wrestlers qualified for the sectional tournament, but after only one day

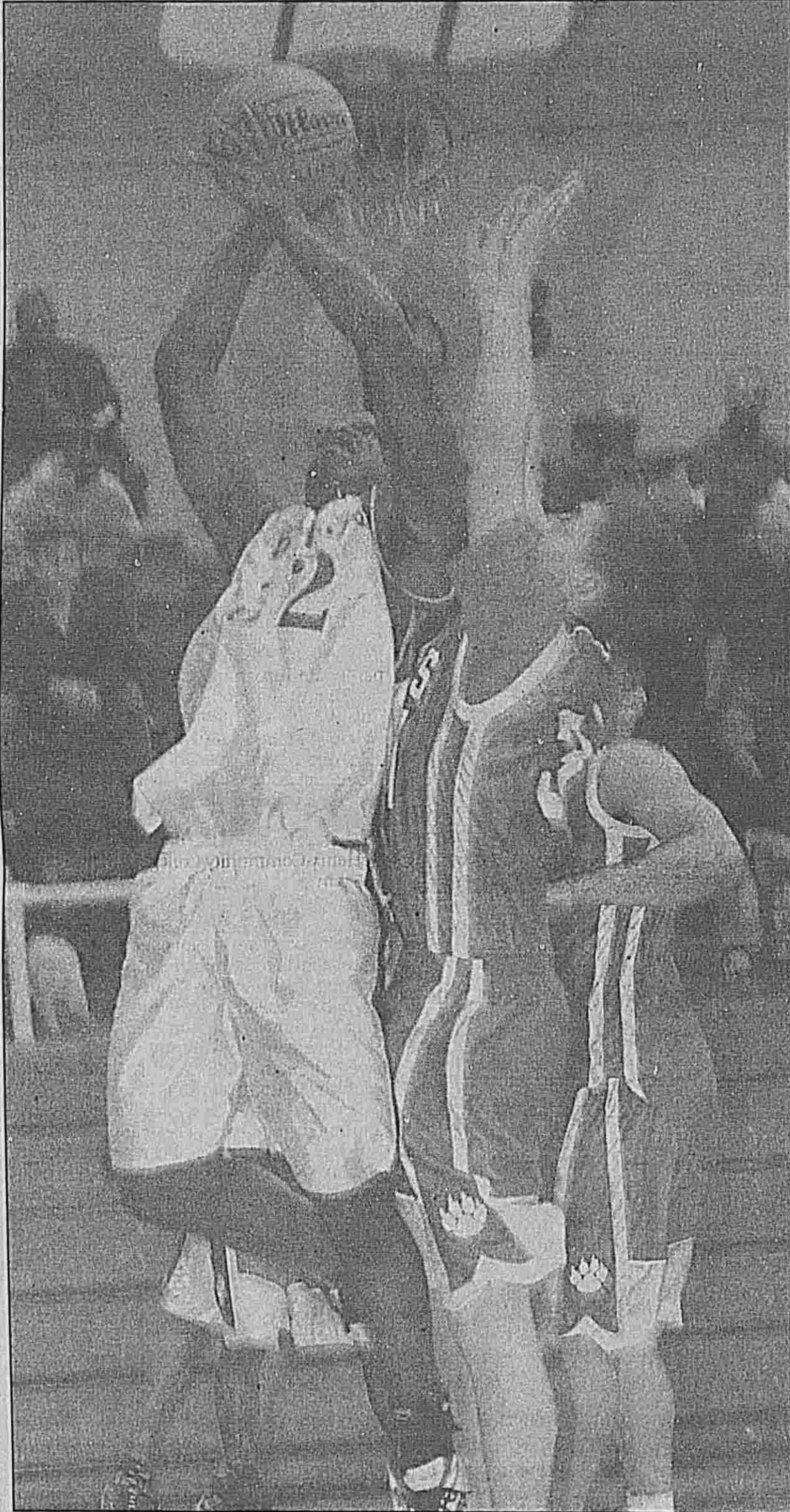


Photo by John Dickson

Waukegan senior Emanuel Gaiter makes an attempt for a basket, in the Bulldogs' game against Niles West High School. Waukegan defeated Niles West 69-62.

of competition, none remained, each a victim to minor mistakes.

'It's an upsetting way for two seniors (Joe Leccesi and Todd Sorenson) to go out. But somebody's gotta win, somebody's gotta lose.'

Steve Welter
Waukegan wrestling coach

For coach Steve Welter, the biggest disappointments for the day occurred with his seniors. Not disappointing because standouts Joe Leccesi (heavyweight) and Todd Sorenson (135 lbs.) lost, Welter said. Disappointing because both wrestlers did so much for the

team and would have to end their careers without a trip downstate.

Sorenson (32-10) lost his quarterfinal match 2-3. He was winning 2-1 with only 10 seconds remaining when he was taken down, earning his opponent two points and a win.

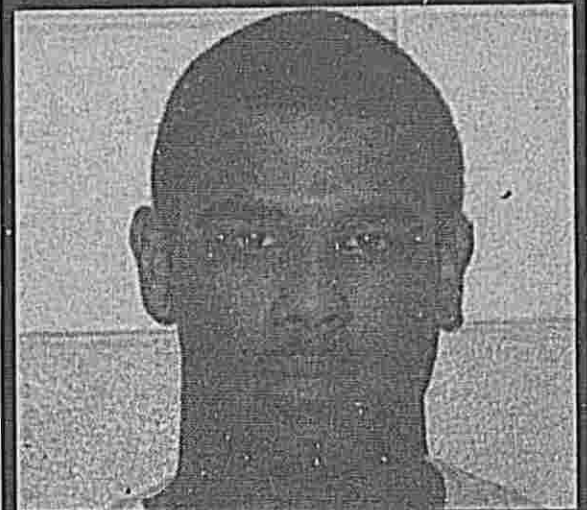
Leccesi (39-6) lost his quarterfinal match when he re-aggravated his injured shoulder.

"It's an upsetting way for two seniors to go out," Welter said. "But somebody's gotta win, somebody's gotta lose."

Dennis Walsh (13-6) also lost a close match, falling 2-1 in the closing seconds of his first round match. Curtis Hines (28-13) and Adrian Cervantes (20-21) also failed to win a match.

While the weekend was tough for the Bulldogs, Welter said he looks forward to the future. Sorenson and Leccesi are the only seniors on a very young team, which Welter said he hopes will meet his expectations.

PREP PROFILES



Dennis Walsh

Tied up 1-1 in his first round match of the Barrington Sectional with only 12 seconds to go Dennis Walsh made a mistake that will haunt him until next season.

He stalled. In a wrestling match it's a big no-no, and it earned his opponent an extra point. Walsh (13-6) would fail to score again, losing 2-1. To make it worse, the wrestler who beat him, Joe Stumpfoll, of Wheeling went on to qualify for the state meet.

The decision hurt, Walsh said. He even felt a little cheated, because he never wanted to end his season on a stall call. But the loss also motivates him. Only a junior, Walsh said he's got his sights set on next season already.

"It motivates me a lot," Walsh said. "Next year's season starts right now."

As opposed to past off-seasons, where Walsh said he sat around a lot, he is now committing himself to more rigorous training. Walsh plans on joining the boy's track team for the remainder of the indoor season and into the outdoor season. And in the fall he will play football.

Walsh said he enjoys having practices after school. Staying involved in sports keeps him from "having nothing to do."

The extra work should help him out, said wrestling coach Steve Welter, who expects a lot out of him next year in the 215-pound weight class.

The expectations should be warranted, Walsh said. This season—his first on the varsity level—Walsh finished with a respectable record and a trip to the sectional championships, despite missing a large part of the season with shoulder and ankle injuries.

And his losses were close too. Five of Walsh's six losses were in overtime. The only non-overtime loss was 12 seconds away from an extra period.

Twelve seconds Walsh will remember next season. —By Nicholas Alajakis



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COLLEGE LAKE COUNTY

'Our depth has been really key lately. If one guy doesn't have it, someone else has been able to step up.'

Shawn Chism
CLC men's hoops coach

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Lancers win 5th straight game



College of Lake County men's hoops player Jerod Harris attempts a running shot in a game against Moraine Valley earlier this season. The Lancers have won five straight games.

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

All season long, the College of Lake County men's basketball team has struggled with its intensity on the road.

A two-and-a-half hour bus ride did nothing to help matters on Tuesday night against Prairie State.

"Because of the snow and rain the trip took a really long time," CLC coach Shawn Chism said. "The guys only had like 15 minutes to get dressed and ready for the game."

And it was clear early that the Lancers were still trying to warm up as they fell behind 10 points early in the first half. But CLC was able to fight through the slow start and managed to cut the lead to 35-34 heading into halftime.

"We started off slow, but we were able to make some adjustments and come back on them," Chism said.

Chism had little to say to his players at halftime, instead choosing to send them back

out onto the floor after just two minutes in the locker room.

"I just told the guys to go out and play with the intensity we had at the end of the first half," Chism said. "I wanted to get them back on the floor quickly to keep that momentum going."

The Lancers were able to maintain that momentum coming out of the half, taking a lead just two minutes in. The team was able to grow that lead up to 12 before Prairie State staged a comeback.

However, CLC was able to maintain its poise and hit some key free throws down the stretch to preserve a 84-81 win.

Erin McMillan led the Lancers with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Aaron Jones (13 points, 6 boards), Austin Yarc (14 points), Jose Garcia (13) and Bobby Tisdale (10) also helped key a balanced CLC scoring attack.

"We had a lot of balance on offense tonight, and when we do that we're usually successful," Chism said.

The team's depth has been especially important with the recent shoulder injury to high-flying forward Kenny Saunders.

"Our depth has been really key lately," Chism said. "If one guy doesn't have it, someone else has been able to step up."

The win was CLC's fifth straight, improving the team's record to 22-5 overall and 7-4 in the Skyway Conference.

"It's always nice to get a road conference win," Chism said. "We know we're going to have to play strong on the road to be successful. We're only going to host one playoff game, after that the next two are at Moraine Valley."

While the offense wasn't quite as balanced in the team's previous game, neither was the final score as CLC crushed visiting Oakton 94-60 last Thursday.

Garcia led the Lancers with 28 points, including six three-pointers.

"I've just been feeling it lately," Garcia said of his recent scoring tear. "I've been shooting real well and my confidence is high."

So too is the confidence of the entire team, according to Garcia.

"All of us have been feeling good lately," Garcia said. "We have confidence that we can win every game the rest of the season."

Jones also chipped in with a double-double (14 points, 14 boards), while Marlon Cobb (10 points, 6 rebounds) and Tisdale (10 points) also had good games.

"We were able to attack their zone real well," Chism said. "We got the ball inside to Jones, whose inside presence has been a big part of our turnaround."

That turnaround has been nice to see for Chism, who saw his team hit an emotional wall to start the second half of the season.

"We've been able to rebound from the emotional dip we had," Chism said. "Anytime you start winning, the guys are going to get excited."

Up next for CLC is a home contest against McHenry Community College on Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

All a coach can ask for a team to give maximum effort. And while the results may not be showing in the win column, CLC coach Bill Braman has been pleased with the effort his team has shown all season.

"This team is giving me everything they have," Braman said. "We just keep having trouble with turnovers and with our scoring."

Braman has also been pleased with the continued emergence of several players.

"Nicole Schroder has been a pleasant surprise for us," Braman said. "The players have been giving her an opportunity to use her skills inside. And Jamie Schaufel, Jessica Piasecki, Brooke Peterson and Kristen Poglayen have all stepped up with some big games."

Up next for CLC is a home game against McHenry on Thursday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Aaron Jones was named Male Athlete of the Week at CLC. He had three double-doubles last week, 16 points and 12 rebounds against Trinity, 12 points and 14 rebounds against Elgin and 14 points and 14 boards against Oakton, all CLC wins.

PROFILES



Marlon Cobb

Despite all the Gatorade commercials that extolled athletes to "Be Like Mike," not everyone can be Michael Jordan. For any team to be successful, it needs people looking to do the dirty work.

Just look at the Chicago Bulls' dynasty of the '90s. While Jordan and Scottie Pippen got most of the publicity, there were little known role players like Cliff Levingston, Randy Brown and Jud Buechler who were every bit as important to the Bulls' success as Jordan and Pippen.

The College of Lake County men's hoops team can make the same claim. While Kenny Saunders and Erin McMillan throw down show-stopping dunks and Jose Garcia fills it up from downtown, sophomore guard Marlon Cobb has also been a big part of the team's success, simply by doing the little things.

"I just want to be that role player on the floor," Cobb said. "I try to get Jose open for his threes. I try to get Kenny his lob. It gets the crowd going and gets the momentum on our side."

Cobb also brings tenacious defense to the team, something the Lancers sorely need.

"Defense is my role on this team," Cobb said. "Most of my points just come in transition."

That attitude is one of the reasons Cobb has fit in so well on this team, according to CLC coach Shawn Chism.

"Marlon doesn't shoot very well, so why do something that isn't your game," Chism said. "His role is to play defense and rebound, and he's doing it well."

Cobb has also emerged as a leader on the team.

"I try to get the intensity up and keep everyone focused," Cobb said.

"He's a very mature young man," Chism said. "He's able to handle pressure and help others handle it. He really leads by example." —By Rob Backus

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Johnsburg flying 'Sky' high

Skyhawks avenge loss to Hampshire, reach 20-win plateau

By Steve Peterson
Staff Reporter

Johnsburg, like Lake County boys hoops leader Warren High, is regaining its form, it hopes, after a setback.

The Skyhawks won two games since a loss to Hampshire ended a 10-game winning streak. Johnsburg dominated Harvard 63-39 after beating Hampshire 60-39 in the Big Northern East rematch.

"Losing to Hampshire was a big wake-up call. We had not lost in a

month, and a half, since Christmastime. The biggest change that you notice it in is improved play on defense," coach Ed Sennett said.

The win over the Hornets was a milestone for the school as well. It marked the third time a boys basketball team had gained 20 wins. The first time was three years ago, at 21-7, the next team led by John Smith and Brad Preston's group, made the Elite Eight at 30-2. Last year was a near miss at 19-9.

Point guard Chad Hetterman scored 20 points against Harvard and is averaging 16 points per game. Junior Dan Oziminski and senior John Evanson are right around 10 points per game.

Sennett said that the team has some key games in the Big Northern East, where it is 7-1 in second place behind Burlington Central. Johnsburg battled

Richmond-Burton Tuesday in a rematch of a buzzer beater on a shot by Hetterman for a 57-55 JHS win earlier. JHS is at Burlington Central for a huge division showdown on Feb. 18.

Johnsburg battles at Grant on Feb. 25 in the regular season finale.

Johnsburg, the third seed at the Barrington sectional, plays rival McHenry at the McHenry regional at 7:30 p.m. March 1. The regional final is March 4 for a spot in the Barrington sectional.

JHS may be able to make it two regional and conference crowns. The girls team, coached by Mike Toussaint, clinched their 22nd win of the season and league title over Marian Central for senior night last week. JHS also beat Round Lake. The Lady Skyhawks are at the Cary-Grove regional, with a first-round game Feb. 16. The regional final is Feb. 18.

TRUE BLUE



Photo by Ronlyn Mussared

Members of the Warren Township High School girls basketball team celebrate their win in the North Suburban Conference title game over Grant last Wednesday.



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The Johnsburg High boys basketball team. The Skyhawks reached the 20-win mark last week.

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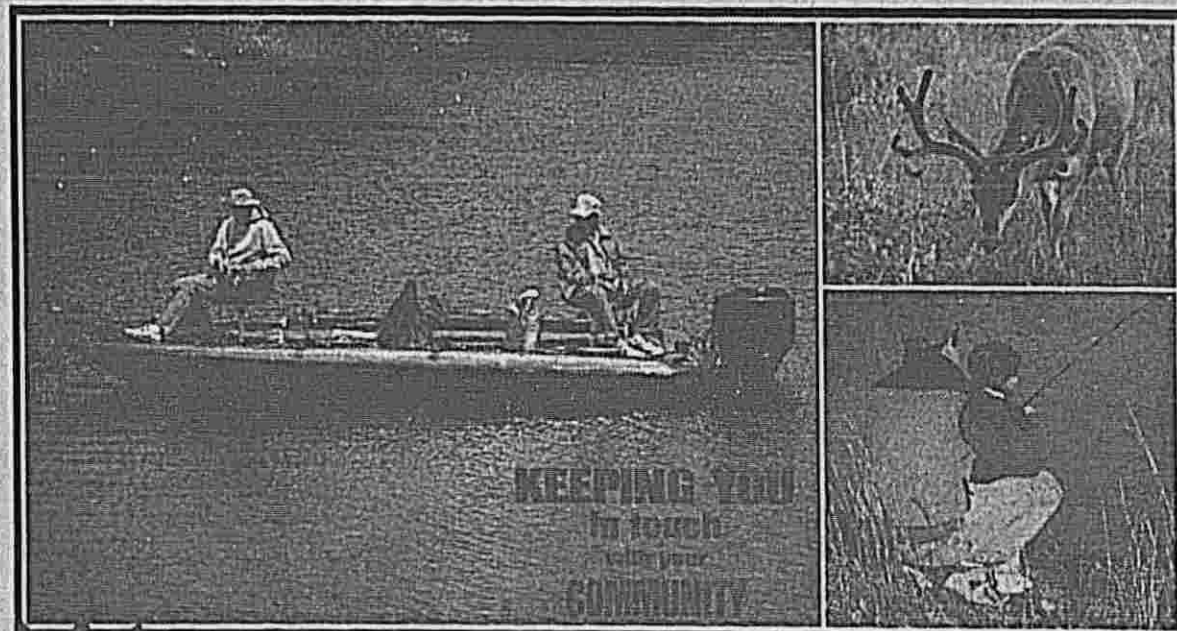
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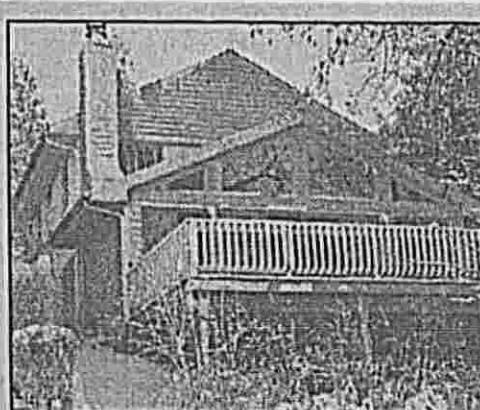
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Winter is the perfect time for kitchen renovation

Make a resolution this year to give each other something that will benefit all — the kitchen of your dreams. You may not realize it, but this time of year can be the perfect time for a kitchen renovation.

Timing is everything

Think you should wait until spring to start your kitchen remodel? Think again. Business for contractors and builders tends to be slower from December through February, since few people want to take on a major construction project in the middle of winter. This means they can spend more time with a homeowner to create a space that will be ideal for their current and future entertaining needs.

Where to start

Rethink your kitchen design and focus on an open floor plan. Open up part of the room, creating a half wall, installing a center island and adding more counters as some of the options available to create more space in your kitchen. Better yet, why not combine an informal dining area with a family room? This will bring the party to where it has always tried to be—right in the center of the action—the kitchen.

Designated prep areas

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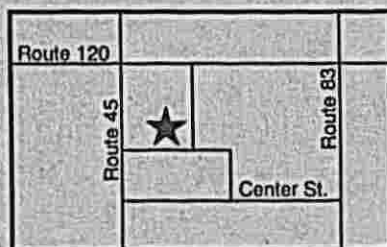
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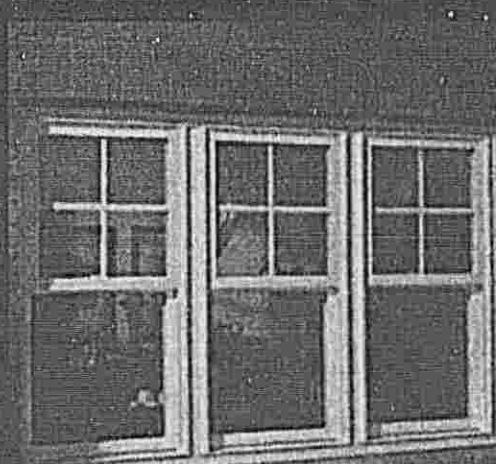
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Moonrise	12:03 P.M.	12:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:58 P.M.	4:03 P.M.	5:08 P.M.	6:13 P.M.
Moonset	3:36 A.M.	4:29 A.M.	5:13 A.M.	5:50 A.M.	6:20 A.M.	6:45 A.M.	7:06 A.M.

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Pick 4 Nighttime	3168	3948	5947	9992	0137	1162	4946
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Mega Millions	No drawing	No drawing	06-14-21-24-50-20	No drawing	No drawing	No drawing	03-16-20-21-30-10

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OBITUARIES

Funeral Home in Waukegan assisted the family with arrangements.

Ronald E. Pankratz

Age 86 of Waukegan, died Feb. 5, 2005 at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Facility in Lindenhurst.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie I. Pankratz to whom he married for 62 years; eight children, Susan (Terry) Anderson of Fairmount, MN., Ron (Linda) Pankratz of Houston, Tex., Christine (David) Reichert of Gurnee, Frieda (Christopher) Scott of Sydney, Australia, Peter (Judy) Pankratz of Atlanta, Ga., Rebecca Bailey of Johnsburg, Linda Joscht of Oaklawn, and Gretchen Pankratz of Gurnee; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters; two brothers.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Cornelius and

Margaretha Pankratz; by his brother Waldo and by four sisters; and a son-in-law, John Joscht.

A Memorial Service was held Feb. 12 at Faith United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. with pastors Ryan Sutton and Kathy Motes officiating. Private inurnment was at Warren Cemetery in Gurnee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the Faith United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association in her memory. Arrangements were handled by the Warren Funeral Home in Gurnee.

Lou Helen Payton

Age 60 of North Chicago, passed away Feb. 8, 2005 at home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Marion, Ala. to the late William S. Lee and Leola Moore Lee Benjamin. Lou married Theosa Payton in 1964 in Alabama.

She is survived by her two sons, Michael T. Payton of West Helena, Ark. and Thaddeus (Tina) Payton of Waukegan; two brothers; eight sisters; many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her mother, Leola Moore Lee Benjamin; her father, William Steven Lee Sr.; her husband Theosa Payton; a brother and a sister.

Funeral Service was held Feb. 12. Visitation started at 10 a.m. Funeral Service began at 11 a.m. at Jesus Name Apostolic Church in Waukegan with John I. Caples Jr. Pastor officiating. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Memorial Park in Zion, immediately following the service. Arrangements were handled by the Westgate Funerals in Waukegan.

Ruthanne (Oerly) March

Age 62, formerly of Lake Villa, passed away Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005

at Monroe Hospital, Ocala, Fla. She was born June 7, 1942 in Ashtabula, Ohio, the daughter of the late Roy and Florence (Holcomb) Bates and graduated from Ashtabula High School in 1960.

Ruthanne had worked for Kemper Insurance, Red Balloon Nursery, ran an in-home nursery and had also worked for the Piggly Wiggly in Grayslake before she retired due to her deteriorating health.

She enjoyed spending time talking with family and friends, playing cards and games, traveling and camping, was a past Cub Scout Den Mother, Den Leader Coach, Committee chairman with Pack 88 in Lake Villa and past treasurer for Troop 85 in Fox Lake. She was a member of the Lakeland Baptist Church in Lake Villa and was a life member and past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the

Antioch VFW Post 4551.

Survivors include her husband, sons, Eric Oerly of Lake Villa and Dennis Oerly currently stationed in the Navy in Sasebo, Japan; her sister, Norma Lambert of Ashtabula, Ohio; and a brother Roger Bates of Nashville, Tenn. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her stepmother Virginia Bates; stepfather, Ray Shreeves; and two sisters, Joyce (George) Cunningham and Susan (Allan) Jewett.

A Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Lakeland Baptist Church, 24551 Grand Ave., Lake Villa, with the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 4551 service to follow. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make donations to the American Lung Association, 1440 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607 in her memory.

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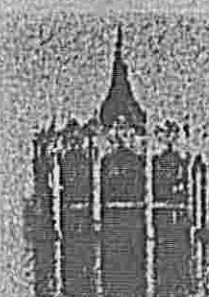
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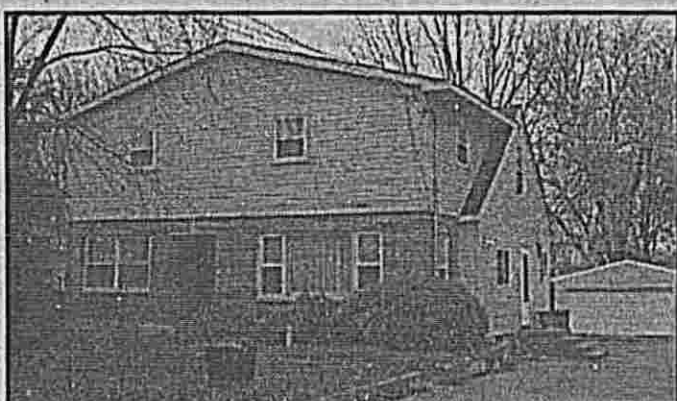


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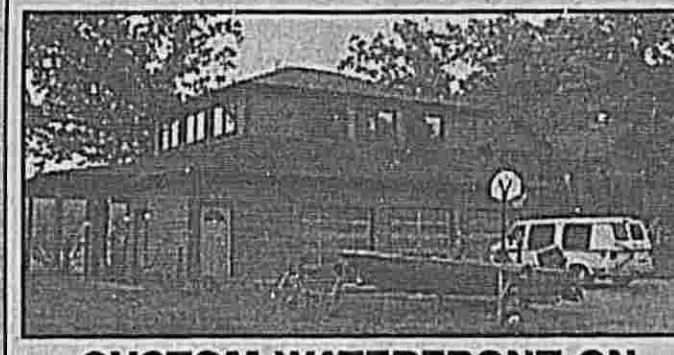
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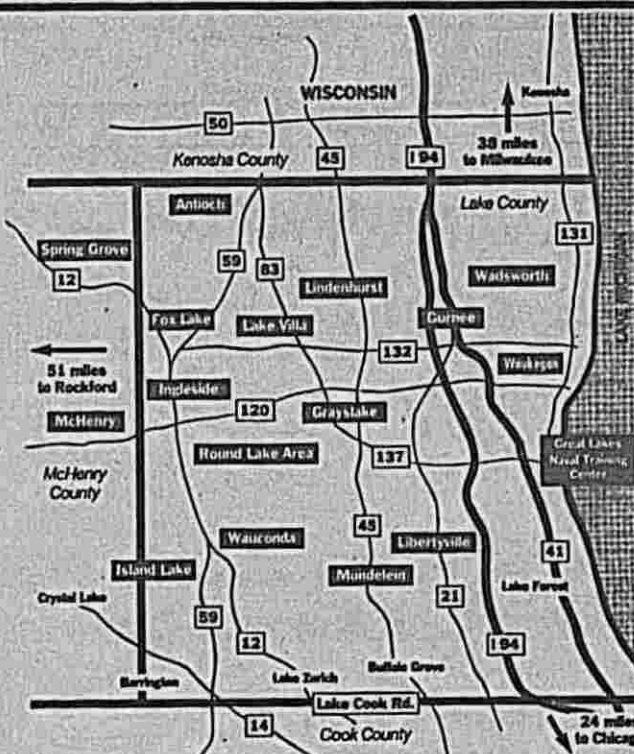
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Job Technology Is Changing By Scott T. Fleischmann

Jobs evolve. Because of technology, changes in legislation and global influences, our jobs are changing faster than ever. In order to survive in a quickly changing environment we need to be able to understand the trends and make career adjustments to the changes as they occur. Let's look at some of the changes that we will be seeing in the next few years.

Technology will become smaller, faster, less expensive and more integrated. We now have pocket personal computers that are also cell phones that can access the Internet. What other options will be added to this technology? Certainly, a beeper can not be far behind. Keyless entry to an automobile must be on the list of planned options. Finally, the price of global positioning systems will drop to the point so that everyone will own a pocket personal computer / cell phone / beeper / keyless auto entry tab with global positioning.

What does that mean for those of us who work? Those of us who are accessible 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year will have every thing we need to do the job regardless of our location. We can be contacted through the cell phone or the beeper. In our reply, we have access to the information in our pocket computer, our home computer and company computer through radio frequency networks. Then we can address the other required information through the Internet.

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Technology will also become larger; present clearer, better-defined images with more harmonically tuned acoustics. We see much of this trend in the entertainment industry. We currently need to go to special theaters to see 3D movie images jump out of the screen at us. Those products will be available for our homes. As will larger high definition televisions. The prices are falling and more people will find them affordable. Home entertainment systems are becoming too big to take to your local electronics store for diagnostics and repair. More often, we will see a return of repair people coming to the home to rectify, correct or modify the system. Some of our technicians will need to be on the road.

As security improves, we will see three trends. Personally, we will all be standing in lines more often to assure our safety. We will also be purchasing more devices to assure our safety. This includes devices for personal protection, home and property protection, and information protection. It is amazing how much information is being stolen. That gap presents the opportunity for a whole new industry.

Those who are good with technology will have expanding opportunities in the future. Those of us who have less ability in that area need to learn how to use the newer devices if we are to compete in the global job market.

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LINDENHURST, MILLBURN SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE 2/13/05; 12-3PM. 2512 MAGNOLIA LN. 3-bd. split level, hrdwd. flrs., oak kit., 4 season room w/wood burner & skylights, lg. fenced corner lot. Must see. \$224,900. (847)356-7906.

MCHENRY-BIG RANCH 3-bd., 2-full bas., fam. rm., extra lg. gar., fenced yd. Bring tools & ideas. \$176,000. Century 21 Care. Call Carol (815)344-4240.

MCHENRY 4-BD., 2-BA., 2 story w/bsmt. 1st flr. fam. rm. w/lp, all appls., Bk t/p, rec.rm., vaulted ceilings, 2 tier deck, city water/sewer, 2 car gar. \$244,000. Century 21 Care. Call Carol (815)344-4240.

LINDENHURST Millburn/Grayslake Schools House For Sale

494 Aster Ct. Tired of shoveling snow, raking and mowing lawns? Low assoc. fees keeps this duplex worry-free and gives you time to relax or play! Property is located on a quiet cul-de-sac with a picturesque view of pro. landscaped all around. Lg. eat-in kitchen w/bkfst bar atop Pergo flooring, surrounded by walnut cabs. Cathedral ceiling entrance flows into lg. liv. rm. 2 bdrms w/loft offers a third bdrm or office area. Animals allowed, freshly cleaned carpets. **PRICED TO SELL!** Private realtor showing and/or virtual tour available. Call for details: 847-949-7100 Century 21 Market Place

Pet OF THE WEEK

ANATOLE



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Anatole is a three-year old stylish black & white tuxedo cat, completely addicted to love, long heads rubs, petting session or just lap sitting are all reasons for his never-ending purrs. A more laid-back gentleman cannot be found. He is serene about everything and never utters a peep of protest or a meow of disapproval. He gets along well with other cats so wouldn't mind a couple of feline buddies. He has also always been laid back with visiting dogs and could probably easily adjust to living with kids. He is apparently allergic to plastic so needs a metal litter box or one not made of plastic.

500 Homes For Sale

LOOKING TO BUY OR SELL A HOME IN WI? Give me a call for available homes in the area or for a FREE market analysis of your home. I am a full time Realtor working for Coldwell Banker Real Estate One. Call Sean Gitzlaff today for all your Real Estate needs @ cell (262) 818-1405, office (262) 694-4444 ex. 123.

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ROUND LAKE BEACH 3-bd. home w/frpl., 1-1/2 bas., newly remodeled kit. & baths, fin. walk-out bsmt w/wetbar, oversized 2-car gar., kit. appls. included. \$155,000. (847)270-9296.

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SPRING GROVE NEW CONSTRUCTION 2-story brick front, 3-car gar., 4-bd., 2-1/2 ba., marble frpl., granite countertops, hrdwd. flooring. Across from State Park Boat launch. \$329,000. NO REALTORS PLEASE. (847)875-7823.

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GURNEE RENT TO OWN 3-BD., 1-1/2 bas., heated gar., Woodland School Dist. \$1,400/mo. (773)637-7531.

HOUSES FOR RENT

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PUBLIC NOTICE Spring Grove Storage will sell goods for non-payment of rent from unit A8 belonging to Francine-Bauer, consisting of luggage, toys, trophies, and miscellaneous household and cloths items. The sale will take place at Spring Grove Storage, 2502 Spring Ridge Dr., Spring Grove, IL. 60081, on Mon. 2/28/05 at 3:00 p.m. 0211B-7013-FL February 11, 18, 2005

900 Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Nana's Pizza Kitchen NATURE/PURPOSE: Fast Food Restaurant ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 25188 W. 173, Antioch, IL. 60002, (847) 395-0070. P.O. Box 263, Lake Villa, IL. 60046. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Lena Faulkner, 38854 Belmora Park, Box 263, Lake Villa, IL. 60046, (847) 356-3829. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Lena Faulkner Jan. 28, 2005 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 28th day of January 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Christina J Hom Notary Public Received: Jan. 28, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0204A-6998-AN February 4, 11, 18, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Michael's Classic Interiors NATURE/PURPOSE: Sale of custom window treatments ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 275 Lenox Lane, Mundelein, IL. 60060, (847) 837-0700. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Michael Galati, 275 Lenox Ln., Mundelein, IL. 60060. (847) 837-0700. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Michael Galati Feb. 3, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 3rd day of February 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Adriana Lomelli Notary Public Received: Feb. 3, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0211B-7010-LB February 11, 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Roberts Road Mini Storage, 4015 Roberts Rd., Island Lake, IL. 60042 will sell or dispose of property for nonpayment of rent and other fees. The sale will take place on 2/28/05, 10:00 a.m. for 221 James Walker, 301 Nancy Young, 515 Peter Mortensen, 609 Ron Anderson, 811 James Brackey, 906 Michael D'Alexander, 1118 Mario Saavedra, 1123 Dana Coleman, 1205 Thomas Johnson, 1208 Kenneth Czarnowski, 1323 Kelli Gottstein. All contents sold to highest bidder for cash. Immediate removal required. We reserve the right to with draw any or all property prior to sale. 0211B-7012-WL February 11, 18, 2005

900 Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Inflicted Wear NATURE/PURPOSE: Printing T-Shirts and other clothing & accessories(screen-printing) to sell. ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 26 Jamaica, Apt. 6, Fox Lake, IL. 60020. P.O. Box 152, Fox Lake, IL. 60020, (847) 587-0108. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Kevin J. Keller, P.O. Box 152, Fox Lake, IL. 60020, (847) 587-0108. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Kevin J. Keller Feb. 10, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 10th day of February 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Maureen Steinhauer Notary Public Received: Feb. 14, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0218C-7022-FL February 18, 25, 2005 March 4, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE AFFORDABLE SELF STORAGE

Affordable Self Storage will dispose of goods for non-payment from: Unit No. 41 belonging to Michael Kavicky consisting of Misc. household goods. Disposal of the items will take place at Affordable Self Storage, 133 So. Route 12, Fox Lake, IL on March 5, 2005 at 10:00 am. 0218C-7020-FL February 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME WITHDRAWAL OF OWNER(S) OR CANCELLATION

NAME OF BUSINESS: Magna Funding Services ORIGINAL DATE FILED: 3/19/04 STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the person(s) listed below has/has ceased doing business under the assumed name or has/has no further connection or financial interest in said business. Withdrawal shall be effective 2005. Barbara Henderson, 2413 C-1 Arrington Way, North Chicago, IL. 60064, (847) 785-8954. Allison Merant, 6728M Derby Dr., Gurnee, IL. 60031, (847) 855-5645. /s/ Barbara Henderson /s/ Allison Merant

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 31st day of January 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Jose Munoz, Jr. Notary Public Received: Jan. 31, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0212C-6999-GP February 4, 11, 18, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Lake County Choppers NATURE/PURPOSE: Building & repairing motorcycles ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 520 Morningside Dr., Round Lake Beach, IL. 60073, (847) 546-2092. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Kathleen Graf, 520 Morningside Dr., Round Lake Beach, IL. 60073, (847) 546-2092. STATE OF ILLINOIS)

900 Legals

COUNTY OF LAKE) This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Kathleen Graf Feb. 2, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 2nd day of February 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Adriana Lomelli Notary Public Received: Feb. 2, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0204A-7006-FL February 4, 11, 18, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Printworks Design NATURE/PURPOSE: Vehicle graphics, signs, T-shirt apparel printing. ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 27992 W. Rt. 120, Unit #60, Lakemoor, IL. 60050. (815) 385-2269. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Phil, Brenda Montgomery, 35635 Poplar, Ingleside, IL. 60041, (847) 587-1051. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Phil Montgomery /s/ Brenda Montgomery Feb. 2, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 2nd. day of February 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Briana Juanger Notary Public Received: Feb. 2, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0211B-7011-FL February 11, 18, 25, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Scapes and Scrapes NATURE/PURPOSE: Landscape design and installation assistance ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 2415 Lotus Dr., Round Lake Heights, IL. 60073, (847) 740-8169. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Kathrine McGovern, 2415 Lotus Drive, Round Lake Heights, IL. 60073. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Kathrine McGovern Jan. 19, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 19th. day of January 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Jill A. Gross Notary Public Received: Feb. 3, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0211B-7016-FL February 11, 18, 25, 2005

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LEGAL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOX LAKE, ILLINOIS

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to a Petition on file in the Village Clerk's office of the Village of Fox Lake, that a public hearing will be held on March 9, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Fox Lake, Illinois, to hear the Petition of William Nelson, David Nelson and Sia Weyrauch, owner of the following described real estate to-wit:

PARCEL 1: THE NORTH 100 FEET OF THE SOUTH 420 FEET OF THE WEST 200 FEET OF THAT PART OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF SAYTON ROAD (AS IT EXISTED ON MARCH 29, 1950), IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2: THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, WHICH IS 450 FEET EAST FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH AND 450 FEET EAST FROM THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, 420 FEET FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING OF PREMISES INTENDED TO BE DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH ON SAID LINE 100 FEET; THENCE WEST, PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, 200 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAYTON ROAD; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAYTON ROAD 100 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, 200 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 3: THE NORTH 412 FEET OF THE SOUTH 520 FEET OF THE EAST 200 FEET OF THE WEST 650 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 4: EASEMENT FOR NGRESS AND EGRESS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL 3 OVER THAT PART OF THE NORTH 18 FEET OF THE SOUTH 130 FEET OF THAT PART OF THE WEST 450 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING EASTERLY OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 12 AND SAYTON ROAD, AS CREATED BY THE INSTRUMENT RECORDED SEPTEMBER 24, 1952, AS DOCUMENT 769994, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 5: THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION WHICH IS 450 FEET EAST FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH AND 450 FEET EAST FROM THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, 130 FEET FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING OF PREMISES INTENDED TO BE DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH ON SAID LINE 90 FEET; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 200 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAYTON ROAD; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAYTON ROAD, 90 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, 200 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, (EXCEPT THAT PART TAKEN FOR HIGHWAY U.S. 12), IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 6: THE NORTH 50 FEET OF THE SOUTH 320 FEET OF THE WEST 200 FEET OF THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF SAYTON ROAD AS IT EXISTED ON MARCH 29, 1950 (EXCEPT THAT PART THEREOF LYING WESTERLY OF A LINE DRAWN FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE TRACT TO A POINT 30 FEET EASTERLY OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH 100 FEET OF THE SAID SOUTH 320 FEET), IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 7: THAT PART OF LOT 8 IN FRANK TONYAN'S SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 8; THENCE SOUTH 80°41' EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, 60.8 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0°0' WEST, 510.1 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 8, THENCE NORTH 90° WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 60.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°0' EAST, 520.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Location of property is: On East side of Sayton and South of Honing

The common address is: 145-155 Sayton Road

Petitioner is requesting the following: Special use mini storage.

Said Petition is available for examination in the Village Clerk's office at the Village Hall in Fox Lake, Illinois

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Stochl, Chairman
Fox Lake Zoning Board of Appeals
Dated at Fox Lake, Illinois
This 11th day of February, 2005
0218C-7019FL
February 18, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Seasonal Gifts For You
NATURE/PURPOSE: Internet Business Specializing in Golf & Holiday Products
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 1212 Rodgers Ln., Lake Zurich, IL 60047, (630) 565-0797.

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Valerie Lynn Weigand, 1212 Rodgers Lane, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, (847)438-4761.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Valerie Lynn Weigand
Jan. 20, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 19th day of January 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Kenneth R. Weigand
Notary Public
Received: Feb. 4, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0218C-7018-WL
February 18, 25, 2005
March 4, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Schroeder Counseling Services
NATURE/PURPOSE: Counseling and Therapy
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 225 Winddance Drive, Lake Villa, IL 60046, (847)265-2658.

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Gregory Schroeder, Sr., 225 Winddance Drive, Lake Villa, IL 60046, (847)265-2658.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Gregory Schroeder Sr.
Jan. 18, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 27th day of January 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Jill A. Gross
Notary Public
Received: Feb. 7, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0218C-7026-LV
February 18, 25, 2005
March 4, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Gandhi Consulting
NATURE/PURPOSE: Business Consulting, Operations Management Consulting.
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 36569 N. Yew Tree Dr., Lake Villa, IL 60046, (312) 953-9794.

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Kiran M. Gandhi, 36569 N. Yew Tree Dr., Lake Villa, IL 60046, (847)265-9052.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Kiran M. Gandhi
Feb. 15, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 15th day of February 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: Feb. 15, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0218C-7024-LV
February 18, 25, 2005
March 4, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Mother Earth
NATURE/PURPOSE: Nursery Production:
Grower/Distributor of Trees & Shrubs Wholesale & Retail
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 25970 W. Sunnyside Rd., Antioch, IL 60002, (224) 629-0956.

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Janis L. Thomason, 25970 W. Sunnyside Rd., Antioch, IL 60002, (847)838-5748.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Janis L. Thomason
/s/ Shawn E. Thomason
Feb. 14, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 14th day of February 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Sarah M. Forster
Notary Public
Received: Feb. 15, 2005
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0218C-7025-AN
February 18, 25, 2005
March 4, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE SAFESAW SELF STORAGE INC.

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Notice is hereby given that EXTRA CLOSET, 849 Anita Street, Antioch, Illinois 60002, will sell the personal goods from the following units to satisfy the lien of EXTRA CLOSET (Seller) for rental and other charges due.

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Occupant: Mark Vankast
Contents: Fishing gear, gun rack, furniture, outboard motor
Unit # A4221030
Occupant: William Burton
Contents: Furniture, BBQ grill, punching bag, beds.
Unit # A4081020
Occupant: Dave Valloni
Contents: Tarps, boxes, 1 washer, dryer.

Unit #A3341015
Occupant: Robert Young
Contents: Beds, furniture, washer, dryer, many boxes.
Unit #A3271015
Occupant: Shawn Younger
Contents: Antiques, boxes.

Unit #A3281015
Occupant: Sharon Younger
Contents: Computer equipment, antique furniture, tools.

These items and all items stored in the above units will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Removal of all items from the premises must be within three days from date of sale and a security bond posted to cover same.

Sale will be held on February 26, 2005, on the premises of EXTRA CLOSET, 849 Anita Street, Antioch, Illinois 60002 at approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. EXTRA CLOSET reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the above mentioned items prior to sale.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS.

0211B-7014-RL
February 11, 18, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Homecrafters
NATURE/PURPOSE: Home Remodeling
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 23013 W. Erhart, Grayslake, IL 60030, (847)949-4258.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Bradley L. Cockrum, 23013 W. Erhart, Grayslake, IL 60030, (847)949-4258.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Bradley L. Cockrum
Jan. 31, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 31st day of January 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/Mary C. Meyer

Notary Public

Received: Feb. 8, 2005

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk

0218C-7023-GL

February 18, 25, 2005

March 4, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

To Last Known Address: Ivor Drummond
5 Arrowhead Dr., Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047
Your right to use space(s) 250 at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, 500 Rand Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084 has terminated and you no longer have access to the stored property. DEMAND FOR PAYMENT IS BEING MADE WITHIN 14 DAYS. The stored property is subject to a lien in the amount of \$239.00. This amount will continue to increase in accordance with the terms of your rental agreement until paid or the property is sold. They are itemized as follows: Date: 2/15/05, Rent: \$200.00, Inventory: \$30.00, Late Fee: \$9.00, Due Date: 2/15/05, Balance: \$239.00. TOTAL DUE: \$239.00

THIS SUM MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE 2/14/05 OR THE PROPERTY WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND SOLD. Any excess proceeds of the sale over the lien amount and costs of sale will be retained by the owner and may be reclaimed by you, or claimed by another person having a court order or other judicial process against the property, at any time for a period of 2 years from the sale and thereafter the proceeds will revert to Wauconda Self-Service Storage.

General description of Goods: Boxes, spreader, 2 snowmen, satellite dish, chest.

Date and Location of Sale: 3/7/05 at 1:00 p.m. at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, P.O. Box 505, 500 Rand Road, Wauconda, IL 60084.

You may pay this sum and may contact the owner at:

847-526-5055

0218C-7021-WL
February 18, 25, 2005

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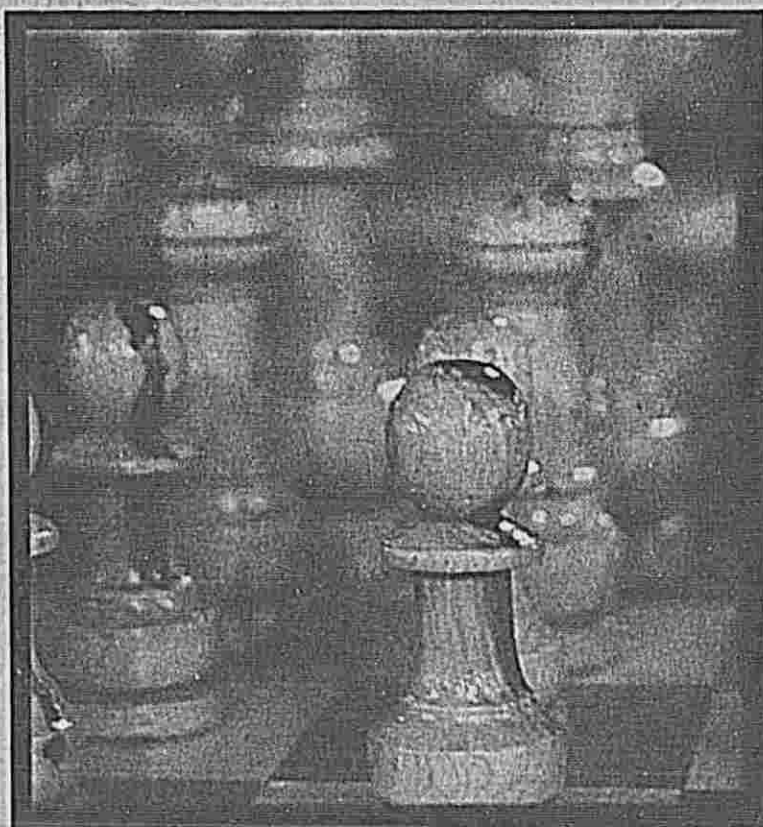
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Scholarships available for area students

The following are some of the scholarships now accepting applications from Lake County residents:

CTCU college scholarships

Community Trust Credit Union is offering its members the opportunity to apply for a four-year \$500 scholarship (worth a total of \$2,000) or one of three single-year \$500 scholarships.

Scholarship applications are available at Community Trust's main headquarters at 1313 Skokie Highway in Gurnee, as well as its north Grayslake branch at 1263 N. Route 83 and its south Grayslake branch at 1868 E. Belvidere Rd., Grayslake. Applications must be postmarked on or before March 1, and recipients will be notified by May 2.

YWCA accepting applications for \$1,000 scholarship

The YWCA Lake County is once again seeking applications for the Dr. Minnie P. Leggett Young Woman of Achievement Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded at the 27th Annual YWCA Women of Achievement Awards Benefit on May 13, 2005. The scholarship provides financial opportunities for a high school senior girl who lives and attends school in Lake County and is college bound. Additional requirements are specified on the application form available by contacting the YWCA Lake County at 847-662-4247, ext. 102, or downloading the form at www.ywcalake-county.org. Applicants are to submit the required form and information to the YWCA no later than Feb. 25.

Sheriff's scholarships

Lake County Sheriff Gary Del Re announced the Illinois Sheriff's Association is going to be awarding over \$90,000 in college

scholarships throughout the state to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2005-2006 academic year. The scholarship funds are to be applied to tuition, books and fees only. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning in Illinois.

Del Re will be awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$500. Applications are now available at the Lake County Sheriff's Office or online at www.ilsheriff.org. Students must complete the application, answer the essay question and return all documentation to the Lake County Sheriff's Office by March 15. For more information, call Deputy Michael Gregory at 847-377-4211.

Auxiliary offers scholarships

Students residing in the Good Shepherd Hospital service area who will attend school in Illinois and pursue an education in a health-related field, are offered scholarships:

The hospital service area includes the following zip codes: 60010, 60012, 60013, 60014, 60021, 60042, 60047, 60050, 60060, 60067, 60073, 60074, 60084, 60098, 60102, 60110, 60118, 60156, and 60195.

The number of scholarships to be awarded will be based on the numbers and qualifications of applicants. Current references, transcripts, and proof of acceptance from the institution and acceptance into a health care professional program are required. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of attitude and desire toward education, leadership, citizenship, personality and financial need.

Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered and filed with the Auxiliary Scholarship Committee no later than April 30. The recipients will be notified by early June. Applications will be available Feb. 1. For further information or to receive an application, call the volunteer office at Good Shepherd Hospital at 847-381-9600, Ext. 5104.

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS



Photos by John Dickson

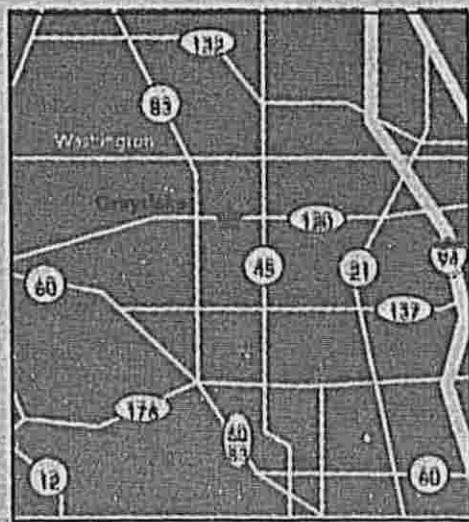
(above) Greg Thompson, board president for Habitat for Humanity Lake County, chats with Teddi Dunham, and her husband Bill Dunham, both from Waukegan, during the Habitat for Humanity annual celebration and volunteer recognition party. (right) Dave Murphey (left) and Bob Rundell, both members of the Presbyterian Partners, meet just before the party. Presbyterian Partners is a group of area Presbyterian churches that came together with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home.



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